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Dear Governor Carcieri:

On behalf of the men and women of the Rhode Island State Police, it is my pleasure to present you with the Division's 2003 Annual Report. This report covers the calendar year 2003 and outlines the highlights and the important events of the past year.

The Division is progressing with the planning of our new facility. It is a lengthy process, but we look forward to having the building as well as the technology and equipment that our members need to more easily perform their job functions.

The Division continued our mandatory 40-hour In-Service Training program in 2003. Members were trained in Traffic Incident Management, Legal Updates & Issues, Use of Force & Continuum, Weaponless Control Techniques, Bloodborne Pathogens, Mobile Video / Audio Recording Equipment, DWI Issues & Updates, Search & Seizure, Firearms Training, Motor Vehicle Pursuits, Crime Scene Investigation, Cultural Diversity, Accident Reconstruction, Terrorism, Shotgun Training, Leadership Communication, Personal Protective Equipment, Domestic Violence and Active Shooter Training.

We anticipate another productive year in 2004. We look forward to the start of the 52nd Rhode Island State Police Training Academy and the addition of 35 new and much needed troopers.

The Rhode Island State Police thanks you for your continued support. With your support and assistance, we look forward to continuing to improve the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders.

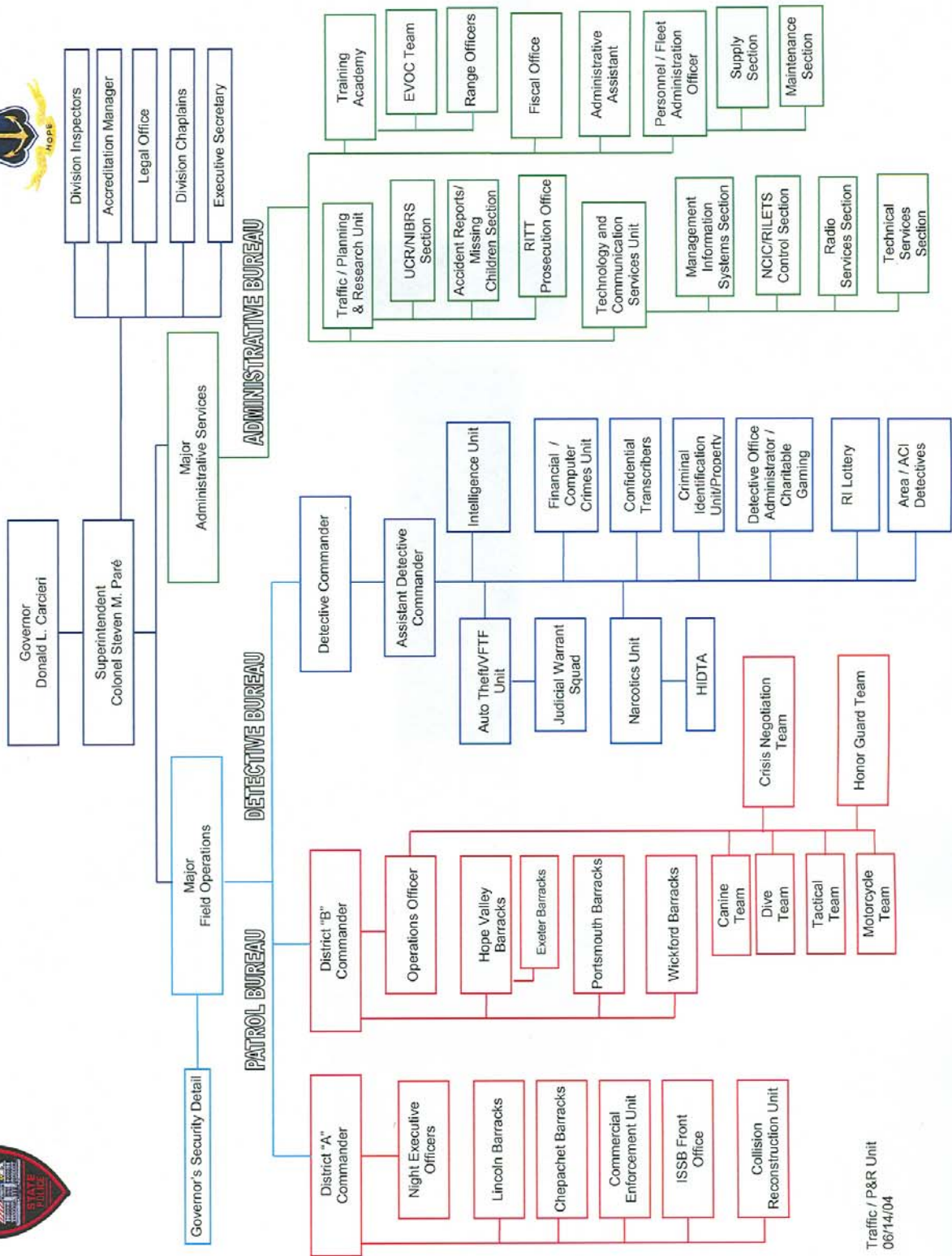
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven M. Paré".

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# RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Traffic / P&R Unit  
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## ***Rhode Island State Police***



### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*The Rhode Island State Police is a full service, statewide law enforcement agency whose mission is to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the people with the highest degree of fairness, professionalism and integrity, and protect the inherent rights of the people to live their lives in freedom and safety. To this end, Division employees shall perform their respective patrol, investigative and support functions to the best of their ability and cooperate with other State agencies, as well as with local and Federal authorities.*

### ***DIVISION CREED***

*"You are always to remember that you are  
in the Rhode Island State Police and  
In the Service of the State.  
It is a call of honor. It requires unselfish  
devotion to duty, the highest  
type of honesty and downright courage."*

# ***SUPERINTENDENT***

## ***COLONEL STEVEN M. PARÉ***

**Executive Secretary:**  
**Mrs. Barbara Tuchon**

Colonel Steven M. Paré was sworn in as Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police on October 20, 2001, following the retirement of Colonel Edmond S. Culhane, Jr. Colonel Paré graduated from the Rhode Island State Police Training Academy in 1980 and rose through the ranks to his present position. Colonel Paré has served in all three bureaus and most units within these bureaus.

Colonel Paré holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Administration at the University of Rhode Island. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Leadership Rhode Island and the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

As Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, Colonel Paré serves as the commanding officer of the Division and is accountable for staffing the Patrol and Detective Bureaus to provide statewide law enforcement services. The mission for these two bureaus is to promote highway safety, maintenance of order, prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of violators. The Superintendent is also responsible for ensuring the control of traffic, maintaining safety enforcement on the State's highways and the development and enforcement of all policies and regulations for the Division. The Superintendent must ensure structure, discipline, efficiency and morale within the Division, along with establishing goals, direction and priorities.

The Superintendent reports directly to the Governor and is charged with informing the Governor of all major, ongoing investigations, except where prohibited by law. Over the course of the past year, the Superintendent has served on the following boards, commissions and task forces: Chair for the Rhode Island Justice Commission Policy Board; the Rhode Island Justice Commission Criminal Justice Steering Committee; the Rhode Island Crime Lab Commission; the Rhode Island Medical Examiner's Commission; the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee; the International Association of Chiefs of Police-State and Provincial Division (Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Resolutions Committee); New England Police Chiefs Association, New England State Police Administrators Conference; New England State Police Information Network (member of Board of Directors); Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association (Co-Chair of Legislative Committee, Co-Chair of Awards Committee, member of Terrorism and Ethics Committee), Sex Offender Management Committee, the Intelligent Transportation Society, the Commission to Study an Enhanced Role for Probation and Parole, Rhode Island Select Commission on Race and Police-Community Relations, Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island, Kent County Hospital Board of Directors, Gateway Health Care Board of Directors, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Executive Board, RISP Museum Committee and the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs (honorary member).

Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, members of the Rhode Island State Police have been deployed throughout the state in support of homeland security. Troopers Robert Wall, Mark Gilson, Kenneth Moriarty, John Grassel and Edward Viera have served our country with their Reserve and National Guard Units in Afghanistan, Iraq and within the United States. We salute them for their sacrifices on our behalf. Trooper Matthew Zarrella and his canines, Panzer and Maximus,

completed a two-month mission with the U.S. Army to search for remains of United States service members missing in action from the Viet Nam War.

In September 2002, the first LawFit Trooper Challenge was conducted in Virginia. Teams from ten State Police agencies participated in six separate events relating to a trooper's physical job performance and the Rhode Island team was named National Champions. In the second annual LawFit Challenge in September 2003, the Rhode Island State Police team of Corporals Karen Pinch, John A'Vant, Michelle Kershaw and Detective Joseph Dubeau, took first place in the team competition and first place in both the men's and women's pairs competitions and most of the individual competitions.

The Division was also awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award in the Best Dressed Police Department Competition sponsored by the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors.

Members of the Division also participated in several charitable events during the year including Special Olympics, the Buy Nothing Winter Coat Exchange Program, the State Employees Charitable Appeal, Project Undercover, Dress for Leukemia and the Community Food Bank. In addition, the Division held semi-annual blood drives for the Rhode Island Blood Center.

In November 2002, Rhode Island voters overwhelmingly supported Bond Referendum No. 1 for a new Rhode Island State Police Headquarters. This new facility will enable the Division to centralize its command structure, improve efficiency by dispatching troopers to calls from one location and manage law enforcement records in one place. This aggressive capital improvement program also provides for repairs and rehabilitation for several existing facilities—most of which were built in the 1930's. This project is moving forward and bids are presently being solicited for architect-engineer services. This is the first capital investment in State Police facilities in more than sixty years.

In April, the Rhode Island State Police, in partnership with a diverse group of community leaders, kicked off a recruitment drive for the upcoming 52nd Rhode Island State Police Recruit Training Academy. A press conference was held in May to get the message out that the Rhode Island State Police is vigorously recruiting and women and minorities are encouraged to apply. The class is scheduled to begin in August 2004 and the theme of the recruitment drive is "Strength—Diversity—Determination." During the recruitment effort, members of the Division attended job fairs, community centers, church meetings, and a variety of other civic gatherings. Troopers also appeared on local radio and cable television. Advertisements were placed on billboards and in newspapers. RDW Group of Providence provided their services to Division at no cost and produced a professional recruitment video as well as print and billboard advertising. As a result of these efforts, 2,682 persons applied. Of these, there are 533 minorities and 399 women—an effort that will help the State Police become more reflective of the diverse Rhode Island community. This was also the first recruitment drive in which the entire application process was completed electronically. Recruit information, initial letters of interest, preliminary application and final application were all completed and submitted through the Division's website with assistance of ri.gov. This resulted in a much more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient application process.

A primary mission of the Division is traffic enforcement and increasing safety on our highways. During the past year, special teams have been deployed throughout the state during peak times, under the direct supervision of non-commissioned officers. These programs have been very effective in targeting speeders and aggressive drivers as well as removing drivers who are impaired by drugs or alcohol. Some of these programs include "Click-It or Ticket," "Operation C.A.R.E.," and "A.B.C. Mobilization." These programs have been very effective and this effort will continue.

*In January, Rhode Island law enforcement concluded the data collection component of a two-year study, mandated in RIGL 31-21.1-4, the Traffic Stop Statistics Act. The Rhode Island State Police had policies and procedures in place prohibiting bias-based policing prior to the legislative mandate and existing policies were revised to incorporate the statutory changes. Members of the Division have been meeting with interested stakeholders, attending trainings and seminars and additional instruction has been added to the Division's annual in-service training curriculum.*

*In 2003, the Division replaced its Beretta .40 handgun with the Sig Sauer .357, and members trained and qualified with the new weapon.*

*The Division's Detective Bureau continues its mission of providing excellent investigative services and responds to ever-increasing requests for its expertise. During the past year, detectives have assisted local police departments in the investigation of homicides and other major cases. In addition, each detective carries a considerable caseload in his or her specialty area. Both uniformed and detective members assisted the Town of West Warwick during the tragic fire at The Station Night Club in February. Two large-scale missing persons searches were also conducted for elderly persons missing from their residences. Numerous professional and citizen volunteers and volunteer organizations augmented these searches. The Division continues its Community Policing Program in the Town of Exeter. Four troopers respond to routine calls for service and join citizens in a problem-solving capacity.*

*The Rhode Island State Police Museum Foundation is continuing its work toward the goal of establishing a Rhode Island State Police Museum. The Museum is located on the Headquarters Complex and will be an educational center for all our citizens. The exterior of the building has been completed. Lynch Industries is presently designing and fabricating the interior display areas and we hope the museum will be opening within the next year.*

*The Division will continue the challenge of remaining at the forefront of tomorrow's technology while continuing to provide the quality law enforcement services that our citizens have come to expect from their State Police.*



# *PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT*

## *INSPECTOR ELWOOD JOHNSON, JR.*

The Professional Standards Unit Inspector, Elwood Johnson, Jr., is a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Division. The Inspector holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University. The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for the investigation of all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Division of State Police. The Unit strives to ensure that the integrity of the Division remains intact. Each investigation is conducted objectively, thoroughly and without bias. A comprehensive investigation will end with one of three determined classifications; founded, unfounded, or unsubstantiated. Appropriate disciplinary sanctions or corrective actions are imposed in all founded complaints.

The Professional Standards Unit investigated a total of forty-seven (47) complaints between January and December of 2003. Twenty-five (25) cases were determined to be unfounded or unsubstantiated, while nineteen (19) cases were determined to be founded and required some form of corrective action or disciplinary sanction. Three (3) investigations remained open and their dispositions were pending at the close of the calendar year.

### *Summary of Professional Standards Unit Investigations for Calendar Year 2003*

<i>Type</i>	<i>Number of Complaints</i>	<i>Unfounded - Unsubstantiated</i>	<i>Discipline/Founded</i>	<i>Pending</i>
<i>Unprofessional Behavior (Sworn)</i>	12	9	3	0
<i>Miscellaneous (Sworn)</i>	11	8	3	0
<i>Miscellaneous (Civilian)</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Job Performance (Sworn)</i>	24	8	13	3
<i>Job Performance (Civilian)</i>	-	-	-	-
<b><i>TOTAL:</i></b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>

<i>Type</i>	<i>Proper Use</i>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>High Speed Pursuits</i>	19	-	19
<i>Discharge of Firearm</i>	9	1 (Previously noted in above table as Miscellaneous Sworn)	10
<i>Use of Force/Physical</i>	19	-	19
<i>Use of Force/Capstun</i>	8	-	8
<i>Use of Force/Cas 21</i>	0	-	0



## ***INSPECTIONAL SERVICES UNIT***

### ***INSPECTOR GARY TREML***

*The Inspectional Services Unit Inspector, Gary Treml, is a twenty-three (23) year veteran responsible for evaluating the administration and operation of the Division, as well as periodic inspections of facilities, vehicles, equipment, records, personnel and investigative procedures. The Inspectional Services Unit analyzes Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards that effect/encompass Division-wide operations and compares current organizational practices, policies and procedures to mandatory and non-mandatory CALEA standards. The Inspector identifies and recommends the means by which deficiencies may be overcome to satisfy the standards and enable the attainment and maintenance of the Division's accredited status.*

*In the year 2000, the Inspectional Services Unit instituted a Quality Assurance Program. Surveys were mailed to persons who had contact with the Division in the areas of complaint investigation (both uniform and detective), accident investigation and enforcement of vehicle and traffic law. The same surveys were again mailed out in 2003. The intent of the program is not to solicit or generate complaints but to help the Division improve service to the citizens of the State of Rhode Island. The results of the surveys are as follow:*

<i>Survey Results</i>				
<i>2003</i>	<i>Surveys Mailed</i>	<i>Surveys Returned</i>	<i>Percent Returned</i>	<i>Level of Satisfaction (%)</i>
<i>Complaints</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>95%</i>
<i>Accidents</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>92%</i>
<i>Citations</i>	<i>381</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>93%</i>

*The Division intends to continue the Quality Assurance Program as a way to improve the level of services offered to the citizens of the State of Rhode Island.*

## *OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL*

*CAROL WOLFF FALLON, ESQ*

*Carol Wolff Fallon serves primarily as in-house counsel to the Superintendent. In addition, she provides preventative legal advice and notification of significant legal decisions and statutory amendments to the Division. The responsibilities of legal counsel also include the drafting and review of proposed legislation, negotiation of contracts with employee unions, representing the Division in grievance and arbitration proceedings and assisting the Attorney General's Office in the defense of civil litigation involving the Division.*

*The Office of Legal Counsel also represents or assists the Division at departmental disciplinary proceedings and Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights hearings.*

*The following are examples of legislation enacted in 2003 either supported or sponsored by the Division:*

- ❖ Amendment of R.I.G.L. § 31-27-2. Driving under influence of liquor or drugs by making violations at .08 % a misdemeanor offense that is prosecuted in the District Court.*
- ❖ Amend R.I.G.L. § 45-19-4.3 One-time death benefit -- Death benefits to family of deceased police officers, correctional officers and firefighters to specifically include members of the State Police in the statutory death benefit. An inadvertent omission in the bill passed in 2002 did not include the State Police.*

## *ACCREDITATION UNIT*

*LIEUTENANT CYNTHIA ARMOUR*



*Lieutenant Cynthia Armour, an eighteen (18) year veteran of the Division, currently serves as the Division's Accreditation Manager. Lieutenant Armour assumed this position in October 2003. This position was re-established in May of 1999 to further streamline the voluminous amount of documentation necessary to sustain accreditation requirements.*

*In November of 1992, the Rhode Island State Police made a voluntary commitment to pursue national accreditation status under the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. The Commission, a non-profit and private corporation was created in 1979 through the combined efforts of four major law enforcement organizations: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs' Association and the Police Executive Research Forum. The Commission's mission is to establish a set of professional standards which strengthen crime prevention programs, formalize essential management procedures, establish fair and nondiscriminatory practices, improve services, solidify interagency cooperation and coordination and boost citizen and staff confidence in the law enforcement profession.*

*Since the Division initially attained accredited status in November of 1994, the Division has continually updated policies and procedures to conform to evolving law enforcement issues and accreditation standards. Furthermore, the Division has gathered numerous forms of documentation that demonstrate compliance with Division policies, procedures and accreditation standards. Currently, the Division complies with those applicable four hundred forty-three (443) standards established by the Commission. The Division successfully passed the onsite visit for re-accreditation process in December of 2002 and was accredited for the third time by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies on March 22, 2003.*

*The majority of the work conducted this year involved preparing new standard files for re-accreditation in 2005, managing standard compliance and revising the Division's Rules and Regulations for sworn members. The Division continued to participate in the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Coalition, which was established to support both accredited agencies and agencies interested in the accreditation process within Rhode Island.*

## ***FIELD OPERATIONS***

### ***MAJOR BRENDAN DOHERTY***

*Major Brendan Doherty, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Division is the Major of Administrative Services. He possesses a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. The Major of Field Operations is the second highest-ranking officer in the Division.*

*The Field Operations Officer is directly responsible for the Patrol and Detective Bureaus. Additionally, the Field Operations Officer is responsible for specialized units within these branches such as Governor's Security Detail, Commercial Enforcement Unit, Canine, Dive, Tactical and Motorcycle Teams. As such, the Field Operations Officer is intimately involved in the day-to-day operations of the Division of State Police.*

*The Field Operations Officer reports directly to the Superintendent and along with the Superintendent, works to ensure the efficient operation of the Division of State Police. Along with the Superintendent, the Major of Field Operations helps to establish Division goals, direction and priorities.*

*The Field Operations Officer is the conduit for requests from local, state and federal agencies for the assistance of the Rhode Island State Police. Additionally, the Superintendent has designated the Major of Field Operations as the Public Information Officer for the State Police. He is responsible for disseminating information to the public through the media. Among the responsibilities of the Public Information Officer is the coordination of public speaking appearances and demonstrations by Division members throughout the State.*

*In addition, the Field Operations Officer is the Coordinator for the Rhode Island AMBER Alert Plan and is responsible for establishing the protocol for investigating abducted child cases. The Rhode Island AMBER Alert Plan is to provide a rapid response to the most serious child abduction cases. When an alert is activated, the Rhode Island State Police, through the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency, will immediately gain the assistance of local broadcasters to send an emergency alert to the public in the hopes for a quick and safe recovery of the abducted child.*

## ***DISTRICT COMMANDERS***

***CAPTAIN JOSEPH MIECH***  
***CAPTAIN RAYMOND WHITE***

*The District Commander's office is staffed with two captains. Captain Joseph Miech, an eighteen (18) year veteran, is the District "B" Commander. Captain Miech holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University along with a Masters degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. Captain Miech is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and of Leadership Rhode Island.*

*Captain Miech is responsible for overseeing the southern operations of the Hope Valley Barracks, Wickford Barracks and Portsmouth Barracks. Additional responsibilities include supervising the Operations Officer which includes all of the Division's specialized units.*

*Captain Raymond White, a seventeen (17) year veteran is the District "A" Commander. Captain White holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University along with a Masters degree in Administration of Justice from Salve Regina University. Captain White is also a graduate of Leadership Rhode Island.*

*Captain White is responsible for overseeing the northern operations of the Lincoln Woods Barracks, Chepachet Barracks, Commercial Enforcement Unit and Night Executive Officers.*

*The District Commanders have the overall responsibility of assuring all barracks are operating in a uniform manner to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Division. As secondary responders, the District Commanders respond to all major incidents being investigated by uniformed patrols. Also included in their responsibilities is the allocation of personnel around the state. Due to the dynamics and the varied daily responsibilities of the organization, assigning troopers around the state is a very labor-intensive part of this position.*

*The District Commanders work with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate the Division's efforts in the war against terrorism. All special security details and assignments are the responsibility of the District Commanders.*

# **PORTSMOUTH BARRACKS**

**LIEUTENANT JOSEPH GALINDO**

**PATROL AREA:**  
Barrington, Bristol,  
Jamestown, Little Compton,  
Middletown, Newport,  
Portsmouth, Tiverton,  
Warren



*The Portsmouth Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Joseph Galindo, a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The Portsmouth Barracks is located at 838 East Main Road in the Town of Portsmouth. The barracks personnel complement is comprised of a Lieutenant, Sergeant, Corporal and eleven troopers. Barracks personnel patrol approximately 140 square miles in thirteen marked patrol vehicles and one unmarked patrol vehicle.*

*The Portsmouth barracks is also responsible for all calls for service on the Newport-Pell Bridge, Jamestown-Verazanno Bridge, Mount Hope Bridge and Sakonnet River Bridge. The Patrol also assists the Newport Naval Education and Training Center Police with arrests, complaints and accidents involving civilian personnel. The patrol also provides assistance to the Department of Environmental Management at Fort Wetherill, Fort Adams and Colt State Park and on the waters of Narragansett Bay.*

## **Interesting Investigation**

*On June 21, 2003, members of the Portsmouth Barracks patrol investigated a report of a felony assault with a dangerous weapon. A complainant reported that he and two co-workers had gone to a private residence in Jamestown to do some painting after having been hired by the property owner. Upon arrival at the location, the painter was confronted by the tenant, who was armed with a handgun and a German Shepard dog.*

*The tenant threatened the painter and reportedly told him to leave immediately or be shot in the head. It was later established that the two co-workers had been confronted separately by the tenant and each had been threatened with the gun. The painters immediately left the location and reported the incident to the state police.*

*Formal statements were taken from the victims and the property owner confirmed that the tenant had been given advanced notice that painters were scheduled to do work at the residence. Background information was developed on the suspect that revealed a lengthy criminal record, including arrests for ADW with a German Shepard Dog and Witness Intimidation.*

*Members of the patrol and Jamestown Police responded to the location, arrested the suspect without incident and recovered a loaded 10mm Smith & Wesson pistol.*

### ***Barracks Personnel***

*Sergeant: Frank Sullivan III*

*Corporal: James Pereira*

*Troopers: Todd Catlow, Scott Raynes, Edward Stenovitch III, Derek Borek, Christopher Zarrella, Kenneth Jones, Edward Viera, Phillip Martin, Charles LeValley, Kevin Grace, Matthew Maguire*

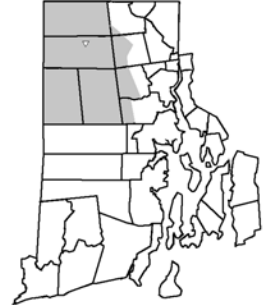


# **CHEPACHET BARRACKS**

## **LIEUTENANT JAMES SWANBERG**

### **PATROL AREA:**

*Burrillville, Coventry, Cranston,  
Cumberland, Foster,  
Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln,  
Providence, Scituate,  
Smithfield, Warwick*



*The Chepachet Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant James Swanberg, a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The barracks personnel structure consists of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, one Corporal, seventeen troopers and one civilian. The Chepachet Barracks is located at 1116 Putnam Pike in the Town of Glocester. Although the barracks is situated in a rural setting, the members of this barracks are responsible for providing police services to over 10 cities and towns.*

*The current patrol area known to the Chepachet Barracks today, which consists of over 307 square miles, was formally the patrol area of two barracks. The Scituate Barracks, which was closed in the mid 1980's, previously had patrol members assigned to over half the communities that are now patrolled by the Chepachet patrol. Due to economic and staffing constraints, both areas are now patrolled with less than half the number of troopers that formally covered this large patrol area.*

*Due to the diversity of the Chepachet Barracks patrol area, troopers assigned to this barracks have to be just as diversified in their law enforcement techniques. Urban, suburban and rural communities all have different requirements and needs that have to be supplied by members of this patrol.*

*Patrol activities range from traffic patrol, bad check complaints, disturbance and domestic calls to more intensified investigations of armed robberies and murder. Patrols have continued their concentrated effort to remove aggressive and impaired motorists from our roadways.*

*The following case is an example of the type of investigations handled during the year by members of the Chepachet Barracks.*

### **Interesting Investigation**

*During the early morning hours, the trooper assigned to the front desk at headquarters received a call from a motorist who related that she was involved in an accident. She stated that while traveling on Interstate 295, her vehicle was struck in the rear and the suspect vehicle took off without stopping. The Chepachet Barracks late patrol was dispatched to the scene to conduct the*

investigation. Troopers learned from the motorist that she was not injured and that the suspect motorist abandoned his disabled vehicle on the Route 7 off-ramp.

Troopers located the suspect motor vehicle on the off-ramp with heavy front-end damage, along with a shattered front windshield in front of the operator's seat.

A check of the out-of-state registration showed that it was registered to a national rental company. Further investigation showed several pieces of mail were located within the vehicle with a name and out-of-state address. With the assistance of the trooper assigned to the front desk at headquarters, a phone number was obtained. Troopers placed a call and spoke with a man regarding the ongoing investigation. The man stated that his son just called him to report that his vehicle was missing from the driveway at his Smithfield residence.

A trooper called the son and in speaking with him, the trooper detected slurred speech consistent with a person under the influence of alcohol. The subject stated that he noticed his vehicle missing about an hour ago but did not report it missing to any police department. Troopers then responded to the subject's residence for further investigation.

Upon arrival at the residence, troopers spoke with the subject noticing his blood shot eyes, slurred speech and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. Also observed was an abrasion on the subject's forehead consistent with a strike to a front windshield. The subject was evasive in answering questions pertaining to his vehicle and his activities that evening. He also admitted that he made a mistake that evening. His roommate was interviewed by one of the troopers where he stated that he was contacted by his roommate to pick him up earlier in the evening. He said he picked up his roommate at a gas station just down the road from his abandoned vehicle and it appeared to him he was under the influence of alcohol.

Based on the observations and information learned, troopers placed the subject under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Leaving the Scene of an Accident of an Attended Vehicle. It was the diligence and investigative skills of the troopers that evening that brought the suspect to justice.

#### **Barracks Personnel**

**Sergeants:** Kenneth Marandola, Eric LaRiviere

**Corporal:** Clarence Snead

**Troopers:** Gregory Lagueux, Robert Carnevale, Mark Farnum, Michael Rosa, John Shelhart, Shelly O'Neill, Genaro Ramirez, Timothy Dandaneau, Sean McCarthy, Alfred Ruggiero Jr, Kenneth Buonaiuto, Scott Carlsten, Matthew Salisbury, Jason Lawton, Scott Hartwell, Jason Lawton, Dennis Spicuzza

**Maintenance:** Thomas McCarthy

# ***LINCOLN BARRACKS***

## *LIEUTENANT STEPHEN BANNON*

### **PATROL AREA:**

Central Falls, Cranston, Cumberland,  
East Providence, Lincoln, North  
Providence, North Smithfield,  
Pawtucket, Providence, Smithfield,  
Warwick, Woonsocket



*The Lincoln Woods Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Stephen Bannon, a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Lincoln Woods Barracks is located at 1575 Old Louisquissett Pike in the Town of Lincoln. The barracks is staffed by one lieutenant, two sergeants, three corporals, twenty-four troopers, one civilian telecommunicator and one civilian maintenance person. Some members of the Lincoln Barracks are also involved with the Tactical Team, Technical Accident Reconstruction Unit, the Dive Team, the Motorcycle Team and other support units.*

*The Lincoln Woods Barracks utilizes 30 marked uniform patrol vehicles and 2 low profile vehicles to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 206 square miles. This area of responsibility is fifty percent urban, twenty-five percent metropolitan and twenty-five percent rural, which includes Rhode Island's three major highways.*

*The Lincoln Woods Barracks, being situated in the states metropolitan area, is responsible for a variety of calls for service. Interstates 95 and 195 and Route 10 take up the majority of these calls. The barracks is also responsible for patrolling and providing police service to all State facilities to include: the State House, the Department of Administration and Health in Providence, the Registry of Motor Vehicles in Pawtucket, the Institute of Mental Health, the General Hospital, the Adult Correctional and Juvenile Facilities in Cranston and all Providence County Court facilities. The Lincoln Barracks also assists the twelve local police agencies on various investigations in their area.*

*Over the past year, troopers at the Lincoln Barracks investigated 968 incidents and made 1,348 arrests. Of these arrests, 85 were for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor and/or drug violations. With responsibility of the Providence metropolitan area, traffic problems are a significant strain on resources. As such, the Lincoln Barracks investigated 3,446 motor vehicle accidents last year. Furthermore, the Lincoln Barracks' commitment to traffic safety is evident in the 8,888 traffic citations issued for motor vehicle code violations. These statistics indicate a 6% increase in citations over the previous year. Also 2003, saw a 12% reduction in motor vehicle accidents from the 3,932 handled in 2002.*

*Troopers and Non-commissioned officers stationed at the Lincoln Woods Barracks handle more accidents, arrests and other incidents on a per capita basis than Troopers assigned to other barracks.*

### ***Interesting Investigation***

*Troopers who were maintaining a radar post along Route 95 obtained a radar speed of 85 MPH on a vehicle in a posted 55 MPH zone. The vehicle, a late model Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) with two occupants, was eventually stopped by troopers on Route 95 north in the City of Providence.*

*The troopers immediately detected that the two individuals appeared nervous and evasive as they were questioned. The troopers also immediately observed a large and unusual looking box or furniture item in the rear cargo portion of the SUV. When directed to the box in the vehicle, both occupants claimed the item to be a "TV stand" that they had purchased in Florida for a relative.*

*During their questioning of the two individuals, the troopers became increasingly suspicious of the two based on several factors. Additionally, the story of where and how the "TV stand" had been purchased raised their level of suspicion. The occupants consented to a search of the vehicle.*

*During the search, troopers observed that this "TV stand" was extremely heavy for its' dimensions and it was not level and square as customary furniture would be. Eventually, a trooper handling a narcotics sniffing K-9 was called to the scene and the dog "alerted" to the box indicating to the troopers that there was probable cause to believe that illegal narcotics were inside.*

*The troopers then forced open the "TV stand" and immediately detected the pungent odor of marijuana. Within the box were twenty-three (23) bales of marijuana. The total weight of the marijuana was later determined to be one hundred one (101) pounds. Its street value was in excess of one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars. The two suspects were charged with Possession of Marijuana in Excess of Five (5) Kilograms.*

### ***Barracks Personnel***

*Sergeants: Mark Surtel, Scott Hemingway*

*Corporals: Franklin Rohan, Kathleen Flynn, Richard Ryan*

*Troopers: Michael Gill, John Beauregard, William Jamieson, Robert Wall, John Keenan, Michael Reynolds, Jr., Sean O'Hern, Simon Liu, John Charbonneau, John Allen, Richard Ptaszek, Timothy Allen, Jr., John Alfred, Robert Creamer, Kenneth DeMarco, John Grassel, Cynthia Trahan, David Bassignani, William Accardi, John Conway, Peter Cambio, Luke Brisson, Douglas Watters, Peter Filuminia*

*Tele-Communicator: Ms. Linda Slader*

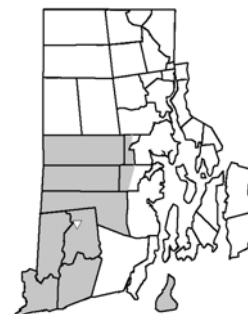
*Maintenance: Mr. Frank Dolan*

# ***HOPE VALLEY BARRACKS***

*LIEUTENANT ARMAND BILODEAU, JR.*

## **PATROL AREA**

Charlestown, Coventry, Exeter,  
Hopkinton, Richmond, Westerly,  
West Greenwich



*The Hope Valley Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Armand Bilodeau, Jr., a twenty-four (24) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The barracks is located at 54 Nooseneck Hill Road in the Town of Richmond. It is staffed by one lieutenant, two sergeants, three corporals, twenty-two troopers and one civilian maintenance person. In 2003, sworn personnel from Hope Valley Barracks simultaneously served on the following specialized units: Tactical Team, Dive Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, Honor Guard and Canine (K-9) Unit.*

*The Hope Valley Barracks utilizes twenty-eight (28) marked uniform patrol vehicles, one low profile vehicle and one 4X4 vehicle to patrol an area that encompasses approximately 250 square miles. Troopers from this barracks handle a wide variety of investigations and calls for service, as the patrol is situated in one of the State's most rural areas where some towns do not have full-time police departments. Troopers from this barracks are responsible for patrolling major roadways, such as Routes 95, 3, 102, 2 and 1, along with all secondary and rural side roads.*

*The Exeter Patrol falls under the direct supervision of the patrol commander from the Hope Valley Barracks. In addition, the Hope Valley Barracks is responsible for two sworn members serving the Town of New Shoreham (Block Island) during an annual summer assignment.*

*Troopers at the Hope Valley Barracks are committed to traffic safety and conducting thorough criminal investigations. The patrol investigated over 600 motor vehicle accidents and issued 9686 citations during 2003. Troopers also arrested 751 individuals for various criminal and motor vehicle offenses, including 69 arrests for Driving Under the Influence.*

## **Interesting Investigation**

*On September 1, 2003 at 2:10 p.m., the Hope Valley Barracks received a call from a motor vehicle satellite security company advising that a stolen Mercedes Benz bearing a New Jersey registration was travelling north on Route 95 in the Town of Richmond but appeared to be stationary. Troopers dispatched from the Hope Valley Barracks located the suspect vehicle and operator parked in the northbound weigh station in Richmond. Troopers positioned their cruisers so that the suspect's exit routes were blocked and arrested the subject without incident. The subject was transported to the barracks and the suspect vehicle towed to the barracks.*

*At the barracks the suspect related several stories about where he got the vehicle from and an alias regarding his identity. After an extensive investigation, troopers were able to determine the suspect's true identity. After learning the suspect's true identity it was confirmed that the suspect was an escaped prison inmate from the State of Maine and wanted by the Maine State Police. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen during a residential burglary in Spring Lake, New Jersey.*

*The suspect was charged with 1. Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, 2. Receiving Stolen Goods, 3. Obstructing a Police Officer and 4. Fugitive from Justice. As a result of this arrest, an escaped felon was returned to prison and the recovered vehicle and goods, with an estimated value of over \$66,000.00 were returned to their rightful owners.*

### ***Barracks Personnel***

*Sergeants: Walter Anderson Jr., Robert Mackisey*

*Corporals: Jan Hagopian, James Manni, Raymond Studley*

*Troopers: Frank Castellone, Roger Reardon, Stephen Flood, Todd Catlow, Ann Assumpico, Gregory Cunningham, Wesley Pennington, Christopher Schram, Stephen Vanner, Jeffrey Clark, Richard Swanson Jr., John Gibbs, Eric Yelle, Laurie Ludovici, Michael Brouillette, G. Thomas Chabot Jr., Kevin Kojoian, Matthew McGuire, David Gormly, Anthony Commendatore, Scot Baruti and Gina –Marie Chiello.*

*Maintenance: Mr. Scott Gordon*

# ***EXETER BARRACKS***

**Barracks Personnel:**    **Corporal Kelsey Marshall**  
                                 **Troopers James Pardington, Jr.**  
                                 **Thomas Jaques, Jeffrey L'Heureux**



*The Exeter Barracks is supervised by Corporal Kelsey Marshall, a thirteen (13) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. Corporal Marshall serves on the town's Juvenile Hearing Board and is the senior citizen advocate. She is a member of the Canine Unit and assigned a canine with a specialty in narcotics detection. The barracks is staffed by three uniform troopers and two members of the Town Sergeant's office. One of the uniform troopers assigned to the barracks is also a member of the Canine Unit and handles a bomb detection canine. The Exeter Barracks is located at 675 Ten Rod Road in the Town of Exeter, attached to the Exeter Town Hall. The barracks was established in March of 1998.*

*Barracks resources include four uniform patrol vehicles and the Town Sergeant's vehicle. The barracks is responsible for the entire town of fifty-six square miles that includes one hundred thirty miles of state and local roadways. The town of Exeter borders six towns, as well as the State of Connecticut. The troopers assigned to the Exeter Barracks work exclusively for the Town of Exeter and when needed are assisted by troopers and detectives assigned to the Hope Valley Barracks.*

*During the year, members of the barracks investigated 442 incidents, 234 motor vehicle accidents and effected 194 arrests within the Town of Exeter. Troopers also issued 2,495 citations in the town for traffic related offenses. Patrol activities and calls for service include domestic disturbances, larcenies, breaking and entering, vandalism, juvenile criminal activity, traffic patrol and enforcement of the town ordinances.*

## ***Interesting Investigation***

*Troopers assigned to the Exeter Barracks received a complaint from a resident advising that she was a victim of identity theft and credit card fraud. The initial investigation revealed that the complainant's credit card statement listed numerous purchases totaling \$12,154.25 which neither she nor her husband had authorized. At this time, it was learned that the unauthorized purchases were made at several businesses in the States of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. As the investigation continued, video surveillance tapes were seized from various businesses that clearly depicted the suspects; however, their identities were still unknown at this time.*

*Troopers then obtained documents from the businesses, one of which consisted of a customer service agreement listing pertinent information. Troopers corroborated the information received and were able to positively identify one of the suspects. Troopers obtained an Affidavit and Arrest Warrant for this suspect and the suspect was charged with Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses Over \$500.00.*



*Troopers continued in their attempt to identify the remaining suspects and in doing so, it was learned that various local police departments and the United States Postal Service were investigating the theft of credit cards. Troopers joined with two members of the Detective Bureau and the United States Postal Service in the investigation. This joint investigation revealed that the suspect arrested earlier by troopers had several accomplices and was targeting affluent neighborhoods throughout the state, stealing credit cards and credit card applications from victim's mailboxes. The suspects would then call the credit card companies requesting new or replacement cards and steal the cards when they were delivered. Investigation revealed that these credit cards were being used at businesses in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire. It was also learned that the suspects were associates of an organized crime figure.*

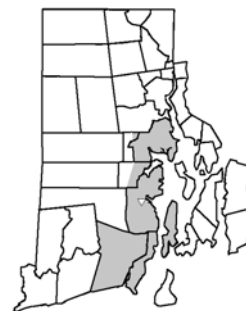
*As a result of this joint investigation, two additional suspects were positively identified and the organized credit card theft operation was dismantled. The three suspects were criminally charged in the Federal Court System.*

# **WICKFORD BARRACKS**

## **LIEUTENANT PAMELA ICART**

### **PATROL AREA:**

East Greenwich, Exeter,  
Narragansett, North Kingstown,  
South Kingstown, Warwick,  
West Warwick



*The Wickford Barracks is under the command of Lieutenant Pamela Icart, an eighteen (18) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police.*

*The Wickford Barracks is located at 7875 Post Road in the Town of North Kingstown. The barracks personnel complement is comprised of one lieutenant, two (2) sergeants, two (2) corporals, eighteen (18) troopers and one civilian maintenance person. Nineteen marked cruisers, three canine cruisers and one low profile aggressive driving cruiser are utilized by members to patrol approximately 200 square miles in the patrol jurisdiction. An armored peacekeeper vehicle is also stored at the barracks for use by the Division Tactical Team*

*Activities in the South County area create constant demands for police services. The Wickford Patrol provides police services on a daily basis for commuter traffic from the interstate highway system and the metropolitan areas of Providence, Cranston, and Warwick to suburban South County. In the summer months, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, added demands for service is required at other State facilities and beaches. These assignments not only result in the need for stronger motor vehicle enforcement, but a substantial increase in criminal complaints and arrests.*

### **Interesting Investigation**

*On December 28, 2003, a trooper and his canine responded to East Providence Police station in reference to a narcotic seizure earlier in the day. A patrolman was requesting the use of a department narcotic detection dog for a scan of an impounded motor vehicle.*

*The patrolman stated that after consent to search was obtained he seized two (2) gram packets of cocaine. A suspect was taken into custody and the vehicle impounded to the rear of the station for further investigation.*

*The canine was then introduced to the suspect vehicle. The canine started at the passenger side front bumper and was commanded to search the exterior of the vehicle. The canine continued around the vehicle with little interest, until a detailed search of the seams and points caught his interest. At this point, the canine showed increased attention to the passenger side door handle. The canine was introduced to the passenger side door and commanded to search the interior. The canine immediately showed interest in the interior and dove to the passenger side floor. He began to scratch aggressively on the floor, showing interest in the area of the center console at the floorboard.*

The canine was then commanded to check other points of interest. He pulled to the driver's side floorboard in the area of the gas pedal and scratched harder than the indication on the passenger side. He then followed the center console to the rear seats and gave a few scratches to the area of the base of the armrest. He then checked high in the area of the rear speakers and followed the headliner to the front driver's side sun-visor (location of seizure resulting in arrest). The canine was then commanded to check the trunk and engine compartment area with negative interest. A hand search of the areas that the canine showed interest revealed areas where the rugs had been separated from the original factory setting. The areas under the dashboard on both the passenger side and driver's side showed stripped plastic in the areas of the fasteners. The vent access panels had been removed. The soundproofing and plastic panels securing it had been removed and unsecured. All of which are indications of tampering with factory installation.

The trooper removed the passenger side floor mat. The rug was then lifted and a package containing a white powdery substance was recovered above the metal floorboard. The contraband was then secured by the East Providence patrolman. Upon inspection of the remainder of the floorboard, several long oval shaped pills were recovered in the area of the floor vents. These pills were identified as Hydrocodone and the patrolman added these pills to the found contraband.

The canine is a 2 year-old Belgian Malinois with a current NESPAC and NAPWDA certification as a Drug Detection dog.

### **Barracks Personnel**

Sergeants: Edward Pendergast, Thomas Underhill

Corporals: Paul Olszewski, Arnold Buxton

Troopers: Brian Montminy, Matthew Zarrella, Marc Lidsky, Paul Conlon, Jeffrey Coleman, Erik Jones, Ernest McKenney, Darnell Weaver, Jean Tondre, Michael McGlynn, Peter Chabot, Matthew Moynihan, Eve Marani, Kevin Grace, Daniel Fleming, Michael Brock, Eric Yanyar, Damien Longo

Maintenance: Mr. Martin Spirito

# *COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT*

## *LIEUTENANT MATTHEW GIARDINA*

*Lieutenant Matthew Giardina is the Commander of the Commercial Enforcement Unit and has served with the unit since its inception in 1987.*

*The unit presently consists of one lieutenant, one sergeant, one corporal, six troopers and one data entry coordinator. In addition, there are currently three uniform troopers who have received training in Motor Carrier Safety, who are used on a part-time basis to assist in road checks, off peak inspections, commercial vehicle traffic enforcement and weight details. All these troopers receive extensive training in all phases of Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Material Transportation at the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Region-1 Academy, located at the Massachusetts State Police Academy in New Braintree, Massachusetts.*

*The Commercial Enforcement Unit, commonly known as the Truck Squad, has the responsibility of enforcing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and the Federal Hazardous Material Regulations. Unit members also enforce Rhode Island Size & Weight Regulations, Rhode Island Public Utility Motor Carrier Regulations and Rhode Island Fuel Tax Regulations. The unit is also responsible for conducting post-crash accident investigations involving commercial motor vehicles. Funding for the unit comes from the Transportation Efficiency Act (TEA 21) and matching State funds.*

*Size and weight enforcement is conducted by using the semi-portable platform scales that are transported by trailer to a fixed site. Vehicles found to be overweight are then inspected and cited for the violations and off-loaded if necessary. Weight enforcement is also conducted by individual unit members with the use of portable wheel-wheigher scales. These portable scales allow troopers to weigh vehicles that attempt to avoid the fixed site locations and at locations where it would be impractical to use the semi-portable platform scales.*

*During the period from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003, the unit conducted a total of 3,090 Safety Inspections of trucks and buses. This resulted in a total of 10,851 violations. In addition, a total of 990 (approximately 31%) vehicles were placed out-of-service for serious safety violations and 199 (approximately 6.5%) drivers were placed out-of-service for license and hour of service violations.*

*When conducting an inspection, troopers enter the inspection information directly into the mobile data computers. With a portable printer, an inspection sheet can then be immediately printed for the driver. Then the report is electronically sent to a national database (Safer Data Mailbox). The information is transmitted to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in Washington, DC which tracks safety records of these trucking companies.*

*Several times during the year, members are requested to give presentations and demonstrations concerning the Federal Regulations and Safety Inspections. Unit members have also been requested to act as judges at the Rhode Island Trucking Associations' Championship.*

*The Commercial Enforcement Unit is continuing its partnership with the Office of Motor Carriers involving high-risk carrier and driver operations. This partnership allows additional enforcement activities on carrier operations throughout the nation. The partnership involves the following: when an inspection of an Interstate or Intrastate carrier reveals it to be a high risk operation,*

*a formal letter of complaint is sent to the Rhode Island Office of Motor Carriers. This complaint is then forwarded to the Office of Motor Carriers in the state in which the carrier is domiciled. This allows the nation's high risk carriers to be checked and inspected more frequently, which in turn improves highway safety.*

*As a result of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks the CEU continues to be involved in numerous Homeland Security details.*

### **Commercial Enforcement Unit Personnel**

*Sergeant: Robert A. Farnum*

*Corporal: David J. Medeiros*

*Troopers: Daniel C. Cusumano, John E. Furtado, Terrence B. Pendergast, Ronald J. Longolucco,  
Mark W. Gilson, Mark J. Perotti*

*Data Entry Coordinator: Mr. Glenn Lawrence*

## ***OPERATIONS OFFICER***

### ***LIEUTENANT DARREN DELANEY***

*Rhode Island State Police Special Operations Office is under the direct supervision of the Division's Operations Officer. Lieutenant Darren Delaney is a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. The Operations Office is located at T. F. Green Airport in Warwick.*

*The Operations Officer is responsible for certifying the operational readiness and preparedness of the Division's Special Services, which includes the following teams: Honor Guard, Dive Team, Motorcycle Team, Tactical Team, Crisis Negotiation Team and Canine Unit. The Operation Officer is also responsible for the Amber Alert System and assists as the daytime Division Staff Inspector. As the daytime Division Staff Inspector, the Operations Officer ensures that all patrol personnel properly carry out their assigned duties and conform to Division regulations. He is also responsible for two senior troopers who are permanently assigned to T. F. Green Airport.*

*In recent years the Operations Officer has been assigned to several Public Safety and Home Land Security sub-committees that meet weekly at the Emergency Management Agency.*

*During the past year the Operations Office was involved in the planning and coordination of the Division's response to such events as World Scholar Athlete Games, Special Olympics, Quonset Airshow, Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, Olympic Torch Run, several Honor Guard details and The Big "E" Detail.*

*Last but not least, the Operations Office / Airport Detail Troopers work in conjunction with the Airport Police assisting with security at T. F. Green Airport.*

#### ***Airport Personnel***

*Trooper Paul Sikorskyj  
Trooper Thomas Peck, Jr.*

## ***NIGHT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS***

*LIEUTENANT GLENN SKALUBINSKI  
LIEUTENANT DAVID HAYDEN*

*The Night Executive Officers are charged with commanding all sworn and civilian personnel working during the night shift. There are two lieutenants assigned to this position. Lieutenant Glenn Skalubinski and Lieutenant David Hayden who are both seventeen ( 17 ) year veterans.*

*Their responsibilities include the inspection and management of the troopers during this shift while coordinating all field activities by directing investigations and responding to all significant incidents. This includes assisting local city and town police on all law enforcement matters. The Night Executive Officers report directly to the District Commanders.*



## ***EXECUTIVE SECURITY***

***SERGEANT HERMAN SNEAD, JR.***

*The Executive Security Unit is under the command of Sergeant Herman Snead, Jr. a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. This unit is comprised of one (1) corporal and one (1) trooper. The Executive Security Unit reports directly to the Field Operations Officer.*

*The Governor's Executive Security Unit is charged with the responsibility for the protection and safety of the Governor and First Family. These responsibilities include personal security for the Chief Executive Officer, threat assessments and mail and telephone screening. The Executive Security Unit utilizes numerous resources to ensure the effectiveness and safety of the Governor. This includes communication with multiple law enforcement agencies including local, state, Capitol Police, United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States State Department and Foreign Travel Intelligence.*

*Additionally, the Executive Security Unit manages all transportation for the public appearances of the Governor.*

**Staff:** Trooper David Tikoian

## ***DETECTIVE BUREAU***

Oftentimes, investigations of criminal violations require a great deal of time, expertise and personal commitment in building a successful case. The Detective Bureau is comprised of trained detectives who investigate serious crimes requiring specialized investigative techniques, forensic examination, cultivation of informants, clear and accurate testimony in a court of law and exhaustive dedication to a case through its resolution.

Furthermore, the specialized units within the Detective Bureau focus their proactive efforts towards investigating crimes associated with the distribution of illegal narcotics, stolen automobiles, white collar crime, organized crime, Asian/Latin gangs, outlaw motorcycle gangs and fugitives.

The various units are further assisted by the Criminal Identification Unit (CIU). The CIU collects and analyzes crime scene evidence that can be instrumental in identifying suspects, weapons used and the modus operandum of a criminal case.

### **Detective Bureau Personnel**

#### *Detective*

*Commander:* Captain Stephen Lynch

#### *Assistant Detective*

*Commander:* Lieutenant John Leyden III

*Lieutenants:* William Labossiere, John Blessing, David Neill, Kevin Hopkins, LeRoy Rose, Jr., James Demers

*Sergeants:* Richard Parrillo, Dennis Pincince, Joseph Delprete, Brian Casilli, David Palmer, Donald Devine Jr, Steven Lefebvre, Eric Croce

*Corporals:* Nicholas Tella, Douglas Newberg, John Flaherty,III, Richard Altimari,, John Lemont, John A'Vant, Michelle Kershaw

*Detectives:* James Dougherty, Jr., Arthur Kershaw IV, Michael Winkvist, Benjamin Barney, Kevin Hawkins, John Killian, Joseph Dubeau, David Doucet, Kenneth Bell, Kevin O'Brien, Les Dunbar, Patrick Reilly, Todd Neill, Shari Russell, Claire Demarais, Diane Dougherty, Dennis Fleming, Kevin Barry, Scott Lebeau, Joseph Philbin, Michael Casey, Staci Shepherd, Gerald McKinney, Timothy Sanzi, Christopher DiComitis

*Investigator:* William Neyman

*Civilians:* Ms. Nancy Carlton, Mr. Clifford Coutcher, Ms. Karen Felice, Ms. Pauline Malec, Ms. Peta Ann Rowett, Ms. Lori Tellier

## ***DETECTIVE COMMANDER***

### *CAPTAIN STEPHEN LYNCH*

*Captain Stephen Lynch is the Detective Commander of the Rhode Island State Police. He has served the Division for eighteen (18) years and has been assigned to the Detective Bureau for the past thirteen (13) years. Captain Lynch was appointed Detective Commander in November 2003 replacing Captain Steven O'Donnell who was promoted to Major in charge of Administrative Services.*

*The Detective Commander is directly responsible for all criminal investigations and administrative duties within the Detective Bureau. The daily responsibility of supervising the Detective Bureau is shared with the Assistant Detective Commander, Lieutenant John Leyden III another eighteen (18) year veteran of the State Police.*

*The duties and responsibilities of the Detective Commander, Assistant Detective Commander and Unit Supervisors are to plan, direct and implement the direction of the Detective Bureau to meet the ever-changing requirements of criminal investigations. By achieving these goals and objectives, the Division of State Police has maintained a Detective Bureau of highly trained personnel.*

*The Detective Bureau is presently comprised of forty-seven (47) detectives, one civilian investigator, two financial auditors, two confidential transcribers and two office managers. They are assigned to the various units within the bureau which include; Area Investigations Unit, Narcotics Unit, Violent Fugitive Task Force, Intelligence Unit, Financial Crimes Unit, ACI Area Unit, Criminal Identification Unit, Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit, Property Control and Lottery Investigations. During the past year the Detective Bureau investigated 666 criminal cases that resulted in the arrest of 600 individuals. Members of the Detective Bureau continue to work closely with local and federal law enforcement agencies along with the Attorney General's Office and United States Attorney's office in a coordinated effort to investigate and prosecute a wide variety of criminal matters. This past year saw the assignment of a State Police Detective to the Joint Terrorism Task Force and another to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Task Force. The State Police Detective Bureau continues supervising the State Police Violent Fugitive Task Force and the Judiciary Warrant Squad along with jointly supervising with the FBI and the HIDTA Narcotics Task Force.*

# **FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT**

*LIEUTENANT KEVIN HOPKINS*

*In 2003, the Financial Crimes Unit was led by Lieutenant Kevin Hopkins. The unit is currently comprised of one sergeant, two corporals, four detectives, two civilian fraud managers/investigative auditors and one criminal case coordinator. The Financial Crimes Unit also contains the newly formed computer crimes section.*

*The Financial Crimes Unit is staffed with a diverse group of personnel skilled in areas of criminal investigation involving fraud, also known as "white collar crime." The unit is called upon to investigate a wide variety of financially motivated crimes which include public corruption, extortion, embezzlement, obtaining money by false pretenses, computer and insurance fraud, cyber-crime, forgery, credit card fraud, bank fraud, identity theft and money laundering.*

*During the past year, the Computer Crimes Section has been firmly established. Currently two detectives are primarily dedicated to investigating crimes involving computers. These detectives have completed a vast amount of training in the area of computer forensics. Additionally, during the past year the Financial Crimes Unit detailed two detectives to the Station NightClub Fire Investigation in the Town of West Warwick.*

## **Interesting Investigation**

*On January 28, 2003, State Police Detectives began a joint investigation with the Town of Coventry Police Department based on a complaint received from the Keene Police Department in Keene, New Hampshire.*

*The complaint pertained to events that transpired after a member of the Keene, New Hampshire Police department posted an Internet Profile on "Yahoo.com." where he purporting to be a fourteen (14) year-old boy. The alias New Hampshire boy soon was approached in a Yahoo chat room by an identity purporting to be a 12 year-old boy from Providence, Rhode Island. The purported boy from Providence initially transmitted partially nude images purporting to be of him and sexually enticed the undercover officer. New Hampshire Police seized numerous images of Child Pornography and chat sessions sent via the Internet from "the boy from Providence" to the undercover officer.*

*Detectives traced the computer that sent the Child Pornography to a home in Coventry, Rhode Island. State Police Detectives obtained a Search Warrant in order to search for and seize property at the Coventry home.*

*On February 3, 2003, State Police Detectives, along with members of the Coventry Police Department, maintained a fixed surveillance post outside of the address in question. During the surveillance State Police Detectives intermittently contacted New Hampshire detectives in order to determine if the user of the screen name that was sending the illegal images was online and conversing with New Hampshire detectives. At approximately 5:20 P.M., State Police Detectives were advised by New Hampshire detectives that they were conversing with the user in question. Detectives immediately executed the Search Warrant on the dwelling. Upon entering the front door, detectives observed two females on the lower level of the home and a male subject rapidly descending the stairs from the second floor. The male subject was identified as a 44 year-old man. Detectives located the computer system in question upstairs in the male subjects study room. State*

*Police Detectives observed that the computer was running and that the computer desktop indicated that the user was conversing via Instant Messaging with the New Hampshire detective's undercover screen name.*

*The 44 year-old suspect made a full confession that he was the person behind the child identity and that he had sent the child pornography to a computer user that he believed to be a child. State Police detectives seized evidence including the suspects computer system. State Police Detectives obtained an Arrest Warrant for the suspect from the Family Court for the Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography.*

*State Police Detectives began to forensically examine the seized computer data. State Police Detectives determined that the suspect's computer contained extensive child pornography and pornography in general including still images and movie clips along with evidence of access to child nudity sites on the Internet. State Police Detectives identified approximately one hundred (100) seized images from the hard drive of the suspect's computer, which were believed to be child pornography.*

*State Police Detectives compiled certain images that were recovered from the suspects computer and believed to be child pornography and remitted them to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, as well as the United States Postal Inspection Service, in an attempt to determine the identity of the child victims viewed in the images. Soon after, State Police Detectives obtained a report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children where three (3) still images were identified as known child victims from Europe and South America.*

*On 1/15/2004, the suspect pled Nolo Contendere to Possession of Child Pornography and received a deferred sentence of five (5) years at the Adult Correctional Institution and was remanded to counseling.*

# ***NARCOTICS UNIT***

## *LIEUTENANT DAVID NEILL*

Since September of 2003, the Narcotics Unit has been under the command of Lieutenant David Neill, a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. Prior to September, the Narcotics Unit was under the command of Lieutenant John Leyden III. The unit is currently comprised of one sergeant, one corporal and four detectives. The unit is assigned to a Statewide Task Force known as the Rhode Island State Police/FBI High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force. The Rhode Island State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) jointly supervise the task force. The task force is comprised of State Police Detectives, FBI Special Agents and Detectives from Providence, Pawtucket, Cranston, Warwick, Central Falls, Westerly and the Woonsocket Police Departments. The Rhode Island National Guard Counter Drug Support Program has three analysts assigned to the task force.

The Narcotics Unit is responsible for conducting investigations relating to violations of the Uniformed Controlled Substances Act. These violations are investigated by conducting surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled-buys, buy/bust operations, reverse sting operations, parcel package interdiction and the Statewide Marijuana Eradication Program. The majority of these investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently result in eminent criminals being arrested and the seizure of their illegally obtained assets. The unit also assists members of the Uniform Bureau, local police departments and other state and federal agencies with narcotic-related investigations. In addition, the unit provides narcotic's training during the Division's In-Service program and conducts public speaking engagements.

The majority of cases investigated by the Narcotics Unit are a result of initiating pro-active investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from the cultivation of confidential informants rather than being assigned by the Detective Commander.

The unit is also self-sufficient as it relies on utilizing motor vehicles and cash seizures from state and federal forfeitures to facilitate the purchase of equipment and provide financial support for the continuation of investigations.

During the 2003 calendar year, the Narcotics Unit was involved in the investigation of one hundred fifty one (151) cases resulting in one hundred ten (110) criminal arrests. As a result of these arrests the below contraband and property were seized:

### *Contraband Seized*

- ~ Eighty-five (85) pounds of marijuana.*
- ~ One hundred thirty-seven (137) marijuana plants.*
- ~ Fifty-two (52) kilograms or one hundred fourteen pounds of cocaine.*
- ~ One pound or five hundred grams of crack cocaine.*
- ~ Five hundred thirty one (531) grams of heroin.*
- ~ Eight thousand nine hundred seventy nine (8,979) glassine packets of heroin.*
- ~ One hundred assorted prescription pills.*
- ~ Four ounces of Methamphetamine.*

The above contraband has an estimated street value in excess of five million (\$5,000,000) dollars.

### *Seized Property*

- ~ Nine (9) firearms.
- ~ Seven (7) motor vehicles
- ~ Seven hundred sixty one thousand three hundred eighty three dollars (\$761,383.00) in United States Currency

### ***Interesting Investigation***

*During the past several years, former and present members of the RI State Police Narcotics Unit have received information of a large-scale cocaine trafficking network in the Central Falls and Pawtucket area. However, members of the Narcotics Unit, High Intensity Drug Area Task Force (HIDTA), Central Falls and Pawtucket Police were unable to successfully penetrate the elusive "kingpin" running this operation. This subject consistently changed his method of operation; cell phones and "stash" houses to avoid law enforcement detection. Law enforcement officials including DEA, also believed that this subject was responsible for the importation of up to 20 kilograms of cocaine a week into Central Falls and later distributed by close associates throughout Pawtucket, Providence and Central Falls.*

*In late summer/fall of 2002 a State Police detective was able to develop two key confidential sources that were able to supply specific information about this major cocaine supplier in the Central Falls area. One informant supplied the cell phone number of the target and was able to make a controlled purchase of cocaine after calling the target's cell phone. A second State Police detective was able to cultivate a third confidential source that supplied pertinent background information concerning the targets associates and operation. Both State Police detectives with the assistance of HIDTA task members corroborated this investigation through cell phone toll analysis and numerous surveillances of this target and possible associates.*

*One of the State Police detectives assigned to the HIDTA Task Force, in conjunction with United States Attorney Ken Madden authored a Federal Application, Order and Affidavit to intercept cellular communications over this target's cell phone. On November 15, 2002 Judge Ernest C. Torres Chief of the U.S. District Court of Rhode Island signed a court order authorizing members of the FBI, Rhode Island State Police, HIDTA Task Force, Pawtucket and Central Falls Police Departments to intercept cellular communications of this target's cell phone. As a result of this intercept, members of the monitoring team intercepted numerous incriminating conversations between the target, associates and out-of-state cocaine suppliers. Members of the State Police/FBI HIDTA Task Force conducted numerous surveillances to identify associates including a surveillance of the target's residence eighteen hours a day.*

*In December 2002, the target of this investigation changed to a new cellular phone service. Members of the HIDTA Task Force were immediately able to identify the new cellular service. A State Police detective authored a second Federal Application, Order and Affidavit for the new cellular phone that Judge Torres signed on January 8th authorizing members of the FBI, State Police, and HIDTA Task Force to intercept the target's cellular communications. During the weekend of February 8th, 2003, members of the monitoring team intercepted communications with the target and a supplier from New York arranging up to 10 kilograms of cocaine to be shipped to Central Falls on Sunday, February 9th.*



On Sunday, February 9th, 2003 members of the Rhode Island State Police/FBI HIDTA Task Force maintained a full day surveillance of the target's residence. In the early evening members of the monitoring team relayed to the surveillance team that the cocaine suppliers were en route to the target's residence from New York City. At approximately 8:00 P.M., a State Police detective, in a secured surveillance position observed a Virginia registered vehicle pull in and park in the driveway of the target's residence. The detective observed two Hispanic male subjects enter the residence, then after a short time one subject exited the residence opened the trunk, retrieved a weighted duffel bag and return back to the residence. At approximately 8:30 P.M., State Police/FBI HIDTA members and Detectives from Central Falls entered the residence. As Detectives entered the residence, the target was seen running toward the bathroom with a .40 Caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic pistol tucked in his waistband. Detectives were able to secure this subject without incident as he attempted to discard the weapon in the toilet. Other detectives secured the two Hispanic males from New York as they attempted to flee toward the rear door of the residence.

Inside the residence, detectives observed in plain view, stacks of United States Currency on the center island in the kitchen and kilograms of cocaine stacked on the toaster oven and counter top. At this time, the residence was secured and a State Police detective prepared a federal search warrant for that address and two other apartments in Pawtucket. State Police/FBI HIDTA Task Force members later seized 9 kilograms of cocaine, \$118,000 in United States Currency and a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson handgun from the residence.

State Police/FBI Task Force members then executed two additional Federal Court Authorized Search Warrants and written consensual searches of three other addresses directly connected to this investigation. At a second address in Central Falls, a State Police narcotic's canine assisted HIDTA Task Force members in locating three kilograms of cocaine in the basement. As a result of these other searches, Task Force members seized an additional 4 kilograms of cocaine, 35 grams of pure heroin, 2 firearms and \$230,000 in United States Currency.

As a result of this investigation five individuals were arrested and indicted on federal narcotics trafficking charges. Four vehicles, including a 2002 GMC Denali, two motorcycles, \$348,000 and a residential property were all forfeited to the State Police/FBI HIDTA Task Force.

State Police/FBI HIDTA Task Force members were diligent and patient pursuing this investigation making it one of the most successful narcotic wire tap investigations in State Police/Rhode Island law enforcement history.

## ***AREA DETECTIVE UNIT***

### ***LIEUTENANT JOHN BLESSING***

*Lieutenant John Blessing, an eighteen (18) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police, commands the Area Detective Unit. The Area Detective Unit is comprised of three separate investigative branches within the Detective Bureau. The investigative branches include Area Detectives, Weekends and the Adult Correctional Institution. The Area Detective Unit is comprised of one lieutenant, one sergeant, two corporals and six detectives.*

*During the past year, the Area Detectives opened a total of 384 investigations and effected 191 arrests. These investigations included, but were not limited to, homicide, sexual assault, child molestation, larceny, embezzlement, robbery, breaking and entering, violations of the banking laws, dangerous drugs, prison escape, automobile fatalities, stalking, assault with a deadly weapon, domestic assault and use of deadly force by police officers. Area Detectives are also tasked with conducting employee and judicial backgrounds. Area Detectives are often called upon to assist other detective units, patrol members, local police departments and federal agencies with criminal investigations.*

#### ***Interesting Investigation***

*On June 1, 2003, the Rhode Island State Police Area Detectives, Criminal Identification Unit and troopers from the State Police Hope Valley Barracks responded to a wooded area off William Reynolds Road in Exeter, RI to investigate a report of a body being observed in the woods. Troopers along with detectives responded and located a deceased male subject.*

*The State Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. Foul play was suspected at the scene.*

*During the investigation, members of the State Police learned of a missing male subject who had been reported missing to the Westerly Police Department on May 24, 2003. The physical description of the missing male subject matched the physical description of the deceased male victim located in the woods in Exeter. The victim was subsequently identified through fingerprints. It was determined that the victim died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head.*

*Members of the State Police Detective Bureau then conducted an extensive five-day homicide investigation, which resulted in the arrest of the suspect. He was arrested for Murder and three (3) counts of Breaking and Entering. The suspect was also wanted on a Providence Superior Court full bench warrant for Violation of Probation and a District Court warrant for Failure to Appear (cost review) on a suspended license. He is presently being held at the Adult Correctional Institution awaiting trial at Washington County Superior Court.*

## ***INTELLIGENCE UNIT***

### ***LIEUTENANT DAVID NEILL***

Since September 2003, the Intelligence Unit has been under the command of Lieutenant David Neill, a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police. Prior to September, the Intelligence Unit was under the command of Lieutenant John Leyden III. The unit is currently comprised of one sergeant and four detectives. During the 2003 calendar year, one detective was assigned to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Federal Agency and another detective was assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations – Joint Terrorism Task Force.

The unit members are responsible for managing and maintaining confidential informants, maintaining a criminal intelligence file, tracking and identifying members of New England organized crime, maintaining and gathering information on various gangs, assisting with In-Service Training, providing informational seminars to other law enforcement agencies, assisting local, state and federal agencies with investigations, conducting electronic sweeps, researching modern technical equipment and assisting Rhode Island State Police personnel when deemed necessary by the Detective Commander. The unit members are also responsible for sharing information with the New England State Police agencies, as well as the New York State Police, Customs, the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Agency, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN) and other state and local agencies.

The unit's primary goal is to identify and suppress the widespread illegal activities of organized criminal enterprises. Historically, the Intelligence Unit primarily monitored the activities of traditional La Cosa Nostra. However, over the past decade, the unit's responsibilities have diversified to include investigations of terrorism, outlaw motorcycle gangs, drug cartels and Latin and Asian organized crime.

The Intelligence Unit prioritizes investigations relating to violations of Rhode Island's criminal statutes relating to threats and extortion, gambling and lotteries, organized criminal gambling, racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO) and violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. These violations are investigated by conducting surreptitious physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized wire installations, pen registers, controlled-buys, buy/bust operations and reverse sting operations. The majority of these investigations culminate in the execution of court-authorized arrest and search warrants. The execution of these warrants frequently result in eminent criminals being arrested and the seizure of their illegally-obtained assets.

The majority of cases investigated by the Intelligence Unit are a result of initiating pro-active investigative techniques. These types of cases usually result from the cultivation of confidential informants rather than being assigned by the Detective Commander.

The unit is also self-sufficient as it relies on utilizing motor vehicles and cash seizures from state and federal forfeitures to facilitate the purchase of equipment and provide financial support for the continuation of investigations.

During the past calendar year, members of the Intelligence Unit investigated 93 cases resulting in 58 criminal arrests and the seizure of substantial assets. The seizures included \$10,614.00 in United States Currency, 3 vehicles, 5 firearms, 1,510 grams of cocaine, 7 pounds of marijuana, 250 grams of heroin and 900 prescription pills.

### ***Interesting Investigation***

*During the month of May 2003, a detective received information from a confidential informant that a subject residing at a residence in Warwick was dealing marijuana and storing firearms and large quantities of ammunition. The confidential informant was able to purchase marijuana from the residence. Further investigation revealed that the subject had a long criminal history of violence, weapon possession, drug dealings and was currently on 10 years probation for a 1995 Possession of Marijuana With Intent To Deliver charge.*

*A court-authorized search warrant was prepared by the detective and members of the Intelligence Unit, as well as members of the Warwick Police Department, executed the search warrant.*

*A search of the residence revealed that the entire perimeter of the residence was monitored through four different color video cameras placed in various locations outside the house. The system was also connected to a time lapse VCR so that actions outside the house could be recorded. Located in the master bedroom was a black powder rifle. Located in a closet was approximately 9 ounces of marijuana, another bag contained 73 hand-rolled marijuana cigarettes and a scale. Found in a separate closet was a safety deposit box, which contained 571 rounds of assorted ammunition including shotgun shells, .38 special ammunition, .22 caliber and .45 caliber ammunition.*

*Located inside the suspect's vehicle was 1,174 assorted ammunitions, percussion caps, black powder, two fully loaded .22 caliber clips and a Radio Shack two-way radio scanner.*

*The suspect was arraigned in 3rd District Court and charged with Possession of Marijuana With Intent To Deliver, Felony Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Firearm While In Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Firearm By A Convicted Felon and Possession of a Radio Scanner by a Convicted Felon.*

*The suspect was also presented as a Superior Court bail violator. The evidence was presented before a Federal Grand Jury and the suspect has been indicted on federal charges of Possession of a Firearm After Being A Convicted Felon and Possession of Ammunition After Being A Convicted Felon. The suspect is facing 10 years additional federal prison time.*

# ***AUTO THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD UNIT***

## ***LIEUTENANT JAMES DEMERS***

*The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit is under the command of Lieutenant James Demers, a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Division. This unit is currently comprised of one sergeant, two detectives and one investigator.*

*The Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit is responsible for meeting the goals and objectives determined by the Division. In conjunction with these responsibilities, this unit is responsible for the investigation of crimes involving the theft and other unauthorized use of motor vehicles, as well as automobile related insurance fraud. In addition, the unit provides assistance to other units within the Detective Bureau, as well as providing support to the department's uniform members in areas such as vehicle identification, document authenticity and investigations that remain at the barracks level.*

*The unit also provides support and works as a liaison to investigators with the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicle's Enforcement Division. The unit assists them with identifying vehicles through the use of secondary points of identification and with the inspection of vehicles through the state's "salvage inspection" program. The unit also provides assistance to both the Insurance and Body Shop/Salvage Divisions within the Department of Business Regulations in the oversight of Automobile Body Repair Shops and Auto Salvage Wrecking Yards.*

*The Auto Theft Unit has been aggressive in initiating proactive investigations into large scale insurance fraud cases, the operation of automotive "chop shops" and groups of individuals involved in large-scale theft and "retagging operations".*

*During the past calendar year, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit investigated 175 cases. These investigations resulted in the arrest of 101 subjects. Investigations throughout the year resulted in the recovery of forty-eight (48) stolen motor vehicles having a total value of two hundred eighty-two thousand dollars (\$282,000).*

### ***Interesting Investigation***

*During the month of December 2003, members of the Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Unit received information regarding stolen motor vehicles. The information pertained to the theft of two motor vehicles and a trailer. The information revealed that the suspect in the theft was a subject known to members of the Auto Theft Unit who had previously been arrested several times for stolen motor vehicles and insurance fraud.*

*Based on the information received, members of the Auto Theft Unit responded to an address in the City of Cranston and upon arrival, observed one of the stolen motor vehicles. Members of the Auto Theft Unit then entered the apartment building in an attempt to locate the suspect. Due to the suspect not being at home, detectives set up surveillance to await the arrival of the suspect. A short time later the suspect arrived and detectives approached him.*

*As members of the Auto Theft Unit spoke with the suspect, it was learned that he wished to cooperate with the investigation. The suspect advised detectives that the stolen motor vehicle that was parked in his backyard was purchased with checks he made on his home computer. When questioned regarding the whereabouts of the second stolen vehicle and the trailer, the suspect admitted to storing them at another location in the Town of Exeter. Members of the Auto Theft Unit*

*responded to the Town of Exeter and recovered the second stolen motor vehicle as well as the stolen trailer. The two stolen motor vehicles and trailer were all towed to State Police Headquarters.*

*As members of the Auto Theft Unit continued to question the suspect, it was learned that the two stolen motor vehicles and trailer were purchased with counterfeit checks from a dealership in the town of Leicester, Massachusetts in November of 2003. During the interview of the suspect, it was also learned that he purchased two Honda ATV's with counterfeit checks from dealerships located in New Bedford, MA. and Lewiston, Maine. In addition to using counterfeit checks to purchase the ATV's, the suspect admitted to using fraudulent identification. The suspect advised members of the Auto Theft Unit that the Honda ATV's were presently being stored at a location in the Town of Coventry. Members of the Auto Theft Unit responded to the Town of Coventry and recovered the ATV's and both were towed to State Police Headquarters.*

*The suspect was charged with five (5) counts of Receiving Stolen Goods Over \$500.00. The value of the stolen vehicles seized was approximately \$45,000. Authorities from the State of Massachusetts and Maine were advised of this investigation.*

# ***CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION UNIT***

*LIEUTENANT WILLIAM LABOSSIERE*

The Criminal Identification Unit (CIU) provides a variety of investigative services to the Division and criminal justice agencies on both the local and federal level. The responsibilities of the unit include crime scene investigation, evidence processing, fingerprint identification, video analysis, polygraph examinations, arrestee processing and maintaining criminal arrest records. Furthermore, the CIU is responsible for conducting numerous criminal background checks on employees of day care facilities, nursery schools, health care agencies and other areas of employment concerned with the custody and care of young children.

The CIU is presently comprised of two lieutenants, one sergeant, one corporal, two detectives and one civilian clerk. Due to the highly specialized and technical nature of much of their work, members of the unit attend various training schools and seminars directed toward the intricate field of criminalistics. Specialized training is essential for the proper preservation of physical evidence and reconstruction of crime scenes. A variety of notorious criminal trials in national news headlines and TV programs have heightened everyone's awareness of just how important this area of criminal investigation is to the search for the truth in our nations courtrooms. Despite being comprised of only six members, the CIU must be ready to provide these services 24 hours each day.

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) equipment and software installed at the ISSB/CIU site has tremendously enhanced the Division's crime solving capability. The unit has the capability to digitally capture and enhance latent fingerprints for entry into the AFIS system. The unit is also continuing to pursue the acquisition of additional Live Scan fingerprint workstations that enable fingerprints to be recorded and electronically submitted into the RI AFIS system and into the Federal Bureau of Investigations Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). To date, five department Live Scan units have been installed and are fully operational. A total of thirty-one livescans located throughout the State electronically submit fingerprints to the State and IAFIS. Participation in IAFIS has resulted in numerous untruthful offenders having their true identity quickly established. Within the Division's RMS system is a digital mug-shot system containing an electronic photographic database. The photographs can be electronically wired to other barracks and outside law enforcement agencies. In keeping pace with today's technological advances, the unit has continued to update equipment and software that has the capability to capture and enhance still photographs from surveillance and VHS videotapes.

## ***Interesting Investigation***

During the month of February 2003, the West Warwick Police Department contacted the CIU for assistance at the Station Nightclub fire. The fire resulted in 100 fatalities and numerous injuries. The fire scene and subsequent investigation proved to be a tremendous task for the CIU and entire law enforcement community.

During the investigation, members of the CIU assisted the West Warwick Police Department with photographing and documented the scene. Members assisted with the task of excavating the victims from the building rubble.

A member of the CIU recorded aerial photographs of the scene from the State helicopter. Members of the CIU assisted with processing the fire scene for several days to gather as much forensic evidence as possible. A member of the CIU utilized state of the art video enhancement

equipment to analyze a video that was recorded inside the club by a local news photographer when the fire started.

Throughout the investigation, members of the CIU maintained a constant presence at the State Medical Examiners Office. Members of the unit, along with members of several local police departments fingerprinted victims whenever possible to aid in the identification process. Many of the victims were so severely burned that fingerprints were not obtainable. The fingerprints were subsequently entered into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) in an attempt to identify the victim. Ultimately, fingerprints and AFIS technology resulted in the positive identification of 13 of the victims.

This investigation is just one example of the CIU working with new technologies and local police agencies to serve the people of Rhode Island.

<i>Criminal Identification Unit</i>
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Activity	2003	2002	2001
AFIS Inquiries	607*	1151	854
Assist other police agencies	222	264	176
CIU Investigations	685	484	529
Civilian Applicant Fingerprinted	333	932	838
Criminal History Checks	1587	2252	1,540
Expungements	205	129	140
Processes(fingerprint & mug shots)	2932	2311	2,127

\*The AFIS system was under repair for much of the fourth quarter of 2003.



# ***PROPERTY CONTROL OFFICER***

*LIEUTENANT WILLIAM LABOSSIERE*

*Lieutenant William Labossiere is a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Rhode Island State Police and is charged with the control of found, recovered and evidentiary property. This is critically important in investigative areas and in the proper handling, security and disposition of property.*

*During 2003, the following narcotics were seized by the Uniform and Detective Bureaus:*

<i>Marijuana</i>	<i>109,250.38 grams / 241 pounds</i>
<i>Cocaine</i>	<i>54,547.48 grams / 120 pounds</i>
<i>Heroin</i>	<i>1143.8 grams / 2.52 pounds</i>
<i>Miscellaneous (Valium, Steroids, etc)</i>	<i>1987 pills</i>
<i>Tox Samples</i>	<i>359 Items sent to State Toxicology Lab</i>

*The following is the total amount of money received as a result of narcotic seizures and money seized by the Intelligence Unit and HIDTA/Narcotics Unit.*

<i>HIDTA/Narcotics</i>	<i>\$761,383</i>
<i>Intelligence</i>	<i>\$10,614</i>

*The following is the total number of weapons received from the Uniform and Detective Bureau and the total number of weapons returned:*

<i>Weapons Seized</i>	<i>79</i>
<i>Weapons Returned</i>	<i>53</i>

*The following is the total number of vehicles that were seized by the Uniform and Detective Bureau and the total number of vehicles returned and forfeited.*

<i>Vehicles Seized</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>Vehicles Returned</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>Vehicles Forfeited</i>	<i>3</i>

*The following miscellaneous evidence was received from the Uniform and Detective Bureaus. This evidence includes items that were seized along with weapons, narcotics and other investigations:*

<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>531 Items</i>
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*The following evidence was returned. This evidence would include miscellaneous evidence that involved narcotics, weapons and investigations:*

<i>Evidence Returned</i>	<i>74 Items</i>
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*The following is the amount of evidence that was destroyed:*

<i>Evidence Destroyed</i>	<i>15 Items</i>
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# ***ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES***

## ***MAJOR STEVEN O'DONNELL***

**Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Kimberley Asselin**

Major Steven O'Donnell, a seventeen (17) year veteran of the Division is the Major of Administrative Services. He possesses a Masters and Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. The Major of Administrative Services is the Division's third highest-ranking officer.

The Major is responsible for the fiscal management of the Division and Division personnel. He is ultimately accountable for the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS) and the State's connection to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS). His responsibilities also include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Division's Administrative Units. The Major also handles union issues and concerns pertaining to sworn and civilian personnel.

The Division's annual forty (40) hour in-service training program for all sworn personnel during 2003 was delivered in four (4) phases. The curriculum, which was developed by the Training Committee, included the following segments:

Traffic Incident Management	Crime Scene Investigation
Legal Issues	Cultural Diversity
Use of Force	Accident Reconstruction
Bloodborne Pathogens	Terrorism
Mobile Video/Audio Recording Equipment	Leadership Communication
DWI Issues & Updates	Personal Protective Equipment
Search & Seizure Issues	Domestic Violence
Firearms/Shotgun Training and Night Firing	Active Shooter Training
Motor Vehicle Pursuits	

During the past year, the Division continued to acquire the latest in law enforcement technology. The Division implemented the IMC Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Module for laptops through the RILETS (RI Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) network. This interface allows local police and eventually the State Police, to access internal IMC records and CAD systems directly from their laptops. Funding for two (2) new technical positions was obtained from the Rhode Island Justice Commission from both the NCHIP and Byrne Law Enforcement Planning Committee money. The Division's Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit purchased a Symantec 5310 Gateway Security appliance (Firewall) and also acquired 150 new Compaq D51S computers with 17-inch monitors. The Division is also continuing to facilitate the electronic responses of local law enforcement for fingerprint submissions through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

# ***TRAFFIC SERVICES/PLANNING AND RESEARCH UNIT***

***LIEUTENANT MARK BILODEAU***

**Sergeant Linda Bailey  
Corporals: Robert. Cuniff, Jr., Karen Pinch**

The Traffic Services / Planning & Research Unit is under the command of Lieutenant Mark Bilodeau, a twenty-three (23) year veteran of the Division. Lieutenant Bilodeau has served at every barracks and as the Operations Officer for the Division.

In an effort to improve highway safety throughout the State, the unit has worked closely with the Office on Highway Safety and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation throughout the past year. The unit is also responsible for representing the Division on various national, state, local and private organizations and committees regarding highway safety issues. These include, but are not limited to, the National "Operation C.A.R.E." coalition, State Traffic Commission, Rhode Island Traffic Safety Coalition, Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Committee, Risk Watch® State Management Team, the National Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders, the Rhode Island SafeKids Coalition, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Another vital aspect of the Division's highway safety enforcement programs is educational components involving the "seat belt convincer" and child passenger safety programs. These programs are designed to educate citizens and visitors of our state regarding seat belt and child restraint safety and to increase safety belt usage in Rhode Island. The "seat belt convincer" is a crash simulator that allows participants to experience a low impact crash while wearing a safety belt. The purpose of the seat belt convincer is to demonstrate how seat belts, when used correctly, prevent injuries. During the past year, the Division's seat belt convincer was deployed at twenty-six events throughout the State.

The Division currently has ten sworn members certified as child passenger safety technicians. Two of our members are instructors in the forty-hour course required to become a technician. These child passenger safety technicians are experts regarding the proper installation of child safety seats. These members are available on a daily basis upon request and will inspect child restraint seat installation when requested by the motoring public. During the past year, Division technicians participated in numerous child safety seat checkup events held throughout the State. This program has received tremendous support from the public and is a vital aspect regarding the Divisions' goal towards improving child passenger safety in the State of Rhode Island.

The unit continues to oversee a full-time member assigned to the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal as Court Prosecution Officer. The duties of the Division's Prosecution Office include the dissemination and collection of Tribunal summonses and handling all arraignments for motorists who appear before the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for Division issued summonses. The Prosecution Officer also schedules Division trials, if requested by the motorist at the arraignment. The Prosecution Officer also represents the Division at motion hearings, appeals, as well as answering any and all discovery and inspection requests filed by motorists or their attorneys for all Division related Traffic Tribunal matters. The Prosecution Officer also acts as the liaison with the staff at the Traffic Tribunal and has varied clerical and administrative assignments as well.

*The Planning and Research Unit continually attempts to implement progressive and innovative changes in the field of law enforcement. In addition, the unit researches and develops new technical and administrative programs that will enhance the future organizational growth of the Division. Furthermore, the unit is also charged with the responsibility of planning and organizing various events for the Division.*

*The unit is also responsible for the Rhode Island State Police internship program. During 2003, numerous interns from colleges and universities throughout New England were given the opportunity to serve with the Division. Additionally, the State Police has hosted several high school students in Job Shadowing programs. This program allows high school students who are interested in a career in law enforcement to spend several hours during a school day with a trooper in an attempt to learn what a trooper does over the course of a day.*

*Additional responsibilities of the unit include collecting and compiling statistical information regarding the Division and the circulation of all data and planning information in a timely manner. The unit is also accountable for the creation, compilation and production of the Division's Annual Report.*

# *MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN UNIT*

*MR. STEVEN LOYNDS  
MANAGER*

*Mr. Steven Loynds is the Administrative Assistant in charge of the Missing and Exploited Children Unit and has served with the Division for thirteen (13) years. The Missing and Exploited Children Unit processes Missing Person (Children) reports received from forty-six law enforcement agencies throughout the State. These reports are verified as active in NCIC (National Crime Information Center) and are then entered into a database from which reports are generated on a regular basis. The reports are then forwarded to the Department of Education and the Department of Vital Statistics, who in turn flag their records. These reports are also sent to the forty-six law enforcement agencies, which validate and verify the status of the individual Missing Children cases. Once a child is returned, the case is removed from NCIC and the Missing Children database.*

*The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington has provided a computer and software to the unit, which enables it to coordinate with the National Center and with clearinghouses in the other forty-nine states and in many other countries. Through this network, pictures of missing children and other information related to the search for and recovery of missing children are shared. Flyers and data on missing children from the National Center and other agencies are distributed to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The unit also has educational and informational materials relative to child safety issues, which are available to schools in Rhode Island.*

*During the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003, the unit received a total of 647 missing / runaway juvenile reports from all law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Of those, 10 remain active and 637 were located/returned.*

# *UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING UNIT*

*MRS. LINDA FRACCOLA  
OPERATIONS MANAGER*

*Mrs. Linda Fraccola is the Operations Manager for the Rhode Island State Police and has served with the State Police for seventeen (17) years. She is responsible for the statewide operation of the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) and is the crime collection liaison between local law enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The UCR System is the State's crime system, which is mandated by Rhode Island General Laws to assemble uniform offense and arrest data from local and state law enforcement agencies, in a form prescribed by the Superintendent.*

*The Rhode Island UCR System conforms to the specifications of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which provides a detailed nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country.*

*With receipt of data covering thirty-nine (39) reporting jurisdictions within the State of Rhode Island, the problems of attaining uniformity are readily apparent. It is the standard operating procedure to examine incoming reports for mathematical accuracy and completeness and perhaps of even greater importance, for reasonableness as a possible indication of error. Regardless of the extent of the statistical verification process used by the UCR Unit, the accuracy of the data assembled under this system depends on the sincere effort exerted by each contributor to meet the necessary standards.*

*Crime data is compiled in Microsoft Access, Excel and Word. This Windows based management system has been programmed to the specifications of the UCR Unit and to detail offenses and arrest data, law enforcement employee counts and other special programs of particular interest. With the use of these computer-generated reports and statistical analysis, the UCR Unit produces an annual publication entitled, Crime in Rhode Island. Included in this publication are detailed sections on ten year trends, municipal profile data, hate crime data, domestic violence data, an offense analysis and a directory of Rhode Island law enforcement agencies. The UCR Unit then assembles, publishes and distributes the statistics to criminal justice agencies, the general assembly and public research groups.*

*Hardcopies of Crime in Rhode Island can be obtained by contacting the UCR Unit at 444-1156. Also, the file maybe downloaded through the Rhode Island State Police Home Page at [www.risp.state.ri.us/](http://www.risp.state.ri.us/) by selecting the bullet entitled Crime Statistics.*

# ***TRAINING ACADEMY***

*Corporal Ernest Quarry, Jr.*

## ***Trooper Wilfred Hill***

*The Training Academy is under the interim - command of Corporal Ernest Quarry, Jr., a thirteen (13) year veteran of the Division who is responsible for all training activities.*

*The Training Academy is located at 64 Winsor Road in the Town of Foster and is responsible for conducting the Rhode Island State Police Basic Instruction School, all in-service training for members of the Division, selected regional law enforcement conferences and continuing education courses in law enforcement. The Training Academy also coordinates training with the other New England State Police Administrators Conference (NESPAC) Trainers.*

*The Training Academy handles a variety of public service functions on behalf of the Division such as conducting career awareness programs at many area high schools and colleges in Rhode Island as part of a continuing effort to attract qualified candidates for the Rhode Island State Police.*

*In January 2003, the Division continued its mandatory In-Service Training Program that is designed to provide sworn members with all In-Service Training Courses in four (4) phases facilitated throughout the calendar year. Each phase was comprised of ten (10), thirteen (13) hour sessions thus providing ample time for all Division members to attend. The training received by Division members focused on the following areas: Traffic Incident Management, Legal Updates & Issues, Use of Force & Continuum, Weaponless Control Techniques, Bloodborne Pathogens, Mobile Video / Audio Recording Equipment, DUI Issues & Updates, Search & Seizure, Firearms Training, Motor Vehicle Pursuits, Crime Scene Investigation, Cultural Diversity, Accident Reconstruction, Terrorism, Shotgun Training, Leadership Communication, Personal Protective Equipment, Domestic Violence and Active Shooter Training.*

*The Division began an exhaustive recruitment campaign on April 7, 2003 for qualified candidates for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Rhode Island State Police Training Academy, which is tentatively scheduled to commence in August 2004. The Division anticipates sending 35 candidates to the 24-week academy. Upon graduation from the academy, newly sworn troopers are required to successfully pass the Field Training Officer Program which pairs them with an experienced, "seasoned" trooper and is designed to evaluate them in "real life" situations and provide the final skills necessary to patrol alone.*

*The Training Academy's goal is to ensure that the Rhode Island State Police remain at the forefront of law enforcement training in order to serve and protect the citizens of our state.*



# ***FISCAL OFFICE***

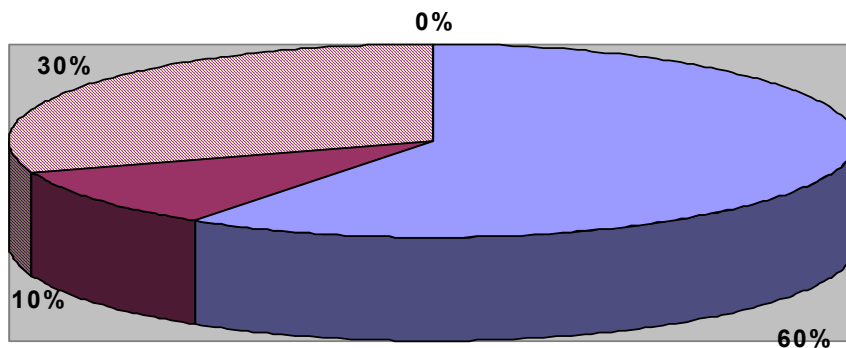
***MRS. ELAINE RICHARDS  
DIRECTOR***

**Assistant: Mrs. Dawn Murphy**

*Mrs. Elaine Richards is the Director of Fiscal Management for the Rhode Island State Police and has been employed in the Fiscal Office since 1983. In this position, she is responsible for overseeing the staff accounting and fiscal management of the Division. Through her office, the Division's budget is projected and monitored in conjunction with the State's Budget Office. Incorporated with these duties is the additional responsibility of reviewing and processing all purchases made by the Division along with the maintenance of the personnel employment records and payroll activities. Mrs. Richards is also responsible for developing, budgeting and implementing the capital improvement projects for the Division.*

## **Expenditures – All Funds**

**Fiscal Year 2003  
\$42,186,609**





## *TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES UNIT*

*LIEUTENANT JOHN LAFRENIERE*

*Lieutenant John LaFreniere is the officer in charge of the Division's Technology and Communication Unit. Lt. LaFreniere has been a member of the Division for seventeen (17) years, serving in the past as the Night Inspecting Officer. He serves as the Division's representative on the Governor's Commission on Prejudice and Bias, the Governor's Justice Commission's Technical Advisory Committee and the E-911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System Advisory Commission.*

*The Technology and Communication Unit is comprised of the RILETS/NCIC Control Section, Management Information Systems, the Records Management Systems (RMS) and the Radio Communications Unit, all of which are located in the Investigative and Support Services Building in North Scituate.*

## ***RADIO SERVICES***

***MR. THOMAS CROTTY, DIRECTOR***

**Staff: Mr. Leonard Biron, Mr. Stephen Friedrich**

Mr. Thomas Crotty is the Director of Radio Communications and has served with the Division for over eight (8) years. He is responsible for the performance of the Rhode Island State Police radio communication systems. The radio systems provide voice and data communications for the Division and are supported by thirteen (13) communication sites located throughout the state. The system also supports radio traffic for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Department of Environmental Management and the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Center. The tower sites support radio systems used by the FBI, US Coast Guard, FAA, NOAA and other governmental agencies.

As the microwave and VHF radio communications systems are the lifeline of the Rhode Island State Police, it is imperative that the systems are at an optimum level of performance at all times. The staff inspects and monitors all communication sites on a regular basis to insure that the systems are kept at the highest level of reliability. Radio Services is also responsible for the installation and repair of the fleet emergency systems that include emergency lights, radio equipment, mobile data and radar units.

Radio Services is currently involved in projects to increase radio coverage, upgrade transmission sites and improve services to the fleet. Radio Services has recently completed extensive upgrades of transmission towers, backup power systems and microwave channel banks in support of the 800 MHZ radio system installed for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. This new radio system is now operational and includes many upgrades to the existing radio communications infrastructure. Radio Services is also participating in the development of a Statewide 800 MHZ radio system that will provide voice and data services to multiple agencies.

# ***MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS***

***MR. JAMES SHEA  
DIRECTOR***

***Assistants: Ms. Carol Darigan  
Mr. Rafael Tejada  
Mr. William Guy***

*The Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit maintains the operation and enhancement of the Rhode Island State Police's Wide Area Network. This network encompasses the entire state, consisting of five barracks, the Financial Crimes Unit, the training academy, several remote sites and the Headquarters complex located in North Scituate. The unit manages over sixteen servers, two hundred plus users and several miles of fiber optic and twisted pair cabling.*

*In the never-ending pursuit to keep the Rhode Island State Police network up to date, several new projects have been initiated. The MIS Unit has been diligently pursuing tight security and better virus protection. Along with this, they have kept an eye on keeping SPAM to a minimum through several new blocking techniques. The MIS Unit has begun the process of installing new systems to keep up with the ballooning data storage requirements. They have also begun the process of research and development to identify funding and specifications to purchase an up-to-date network backbone, which will allow for higher data transfer rates and stability out to our furthestmost barracks which is in Portsmouth.*

*The Management Informations Systems Unit will continue its efforts in keeping the Rhode Island State Police current in its technology. This will enable the State Police to utilize its technology in its mission to provide law enforcement to the people of Rhode Island in the "Service of the State."*

# ***RILETS/NCIC CONTROL SECTION***

***MISS JOAN COLLINS  
SUPERVISOR***

*Miss Joan Collins is the supervisor of the RILETS/ Telecommunications Unit. She has served with the State Police for eleven (11) years, starting as a Telecommunicator in November of 1992.*

*The RILETS/ Telecommunications Unit operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, accessing several databases for information regarding wanted/missing persons, stolen property, criminal histories, vehicle registrations and driver's licenses. The fundamental information and support provided by the unit is essential for the safety of the troopers and other police officers.*

*Assistance is provided to municipal police departments, state and federal agencies, concerning policies and procedures for the NCIC, NLETS and RILETS systems. The unit also assists these agencies with any problems that they may encounter with their systems, including hardware or software concerns and frame relay failures. In addition the unit monitors and directs both incoming and outgoing interstate message traffic to ensure that they are properly formatted and directed to the correct destinations.*

*The unit is responsible for maintaining Affidavit and Arrest Warrants for the State Police and conducting intensive backgrounds through database searches. The unit also processes the monthly NCIC validations, obtains out-of-state criminal history information for authorized state programs and monitors the National Alert Warning Systems telephones and R.I. Emergency Management Agency radios for emergency and testing situations.*

*During the past calendar year, the unit performed a total of 77,093 computer checks for Division members. These checks resulted in 267 confirmed NCIC hits and 1632 confirmed hits from the Rhode Island State files.*

## **UNIT STAFF**

<i>Mr. Paul Johnson</i>	<i>Mr. Michael Guenet</i>
<i>Mr. John R. Murphy</i>	<i>Mr. Richard Peck</i>
<i>Mr. Emil Leduc</i>	<i>Ms. Susan Walsh</i>

# ***TECHNICAL SERVICES UNIT***

***MR. BRIAN GLANCY  
DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS***

**Staff: Mr. Gordon Roberts  
Training & Auditing Specialist**

Mr. Brian Glancy is the Director of Telecommunications and has been employed by the Rhode Island State Police since 1972. He has the responsibility for both the Technical Services Unit and the RILETS Telecommunications. The Technical Services Unit is responsible for the operation, maintenance and programming of the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. The RILETS System is the state's law enforcement and criminal justice information network and delivers documented law enforcement and criminal justice information to all local, state and federal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in Rhode Island. The RILETS System is operational twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year. The RILETS Telecommunications Unit operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provides timely criminal justice related information to State Police personnel. The unit also provides and maintains the RILETS help desk and is responsible for monitoring the status of RILETS, its message traffic and its interfaced systems on a continuing basis.

The RILETS System is directly interfaced to: the FBI's National Crime Information Center, which provides on-line information on wanted/missing persons, stolen property and criminal history record information; the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), which provides law enforcement message switching services among the fifty (50) states; the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General which provides automated Criminal History Information; the Rhode Island Judicial Information System, which provides real time criminal warrant information to authorized users; the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles, which provides automated vehicle registration, drivers license and driver history information; and the National Weather Service, which provides automated weather updates to all RILETS Users.

The RILETS Network was upgraded in 2002 to the latest technologies and the entire RILETS hardware and software platform was replaced in March 2003. The new RILETS System provides a greatly enhanced capability to run investigative off-line searches. Off-line searches aid law enforcement investigations by retrieving old data, or information not currently available on the on-line RILETS Network. The new RILETS also provides a greatly enhanced statistical package that produces more detailed analysis of system usage and performance.

The Technical Services Unit is responsible for the Mobile Data Terminals in the State Police patrol vehicles and most local law enforcement agencies. The Mobile Terminal Controllers are directly connected to the RILETS System and provides real time information on wanted persons, stolen vehicles and registry information. The Mobile Terminal Controllers also provide car to car and base to car messaging directly to State Police Mobile Units, thus eliminating the need for inquiries to be conducted over voice radio.

Mr. Glancy is the CJIS/NCIC Control Terminal Officer for Rhode Island and is the Rhode Island NLETS Representative. Mr. Glancy is a member of the FBI CJIS Advisory Policy Board and is currently serving as 1st Vice Chairman of the FBI's CJIS/NCIC Northeast Regional Working Group.

*Mr. Glancy is also a member of the FBI CJIS Advisory Policy Board's National Crime Information Center Subcommittee. Mr. Glancy is Vice Chairman of Region A of the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. Mr. Glancy is also a member of the RI Justice Commission's Justice Link Technical Advisory Committee and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council, Communications Working Group.*

*Mr. Glancy also serves as the State Police liaison to the Washington County Interoperable Communications Project.*

## ***PERSONNEL/FLEET OFFICER***

***ROBERT JACOBS AND PATRICK DWYER  
LIEUTENANTS***

**Maintenance:**      **Mr. David Padula**  
                              **Mr. Vincent Snurkowski**  
                              **Mr. Dennis Zirolì, Jr.**

Lieutenants Robert Jacobs and Patrick Dwyer are both twenty-three (23) year veterans and serve as the Division's Personnel and Fleet Officers. They are responsible for administering the Division's Performance Appraisal Management System (PEMS) and are the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program Managers. The PEMS requires annual performance appraisals of all sworn and civilian personnel, as well as probationary and post promotional appraisals of Division members. The FTO Program monitors the progress of new troopers through the evaluation of trained, experienced troopers.

The Personnel Officer also processes all uniform requests and subsequent uniform/gear distribution. The compilation of all sworn members vacation time, sick leave, military status and other leave information is also the responsibility of the Personnel Officer.

Lt. Jacobs also serves as the Division Fleet Manager. He is responsible for new vehicle specifications, emergency equipment, laptop computer installation, in-car video installation as well as repairs and maintenance of the fleet.

Lieutenants Jacobs and Dwyer are also responsible for the Supply Services, Charitable Gaming Unit and maintenance personnel.

## ***SUPPLY SERVICES SECTION***

***MR. ROBERT VITALE***

Mr. Robert Vitale has been employed by the Rhode Island State Police for twenty-three (23) years and is in charge of the Division's Supply Services Section. Mr. Vitale's duties include procuring and issuing Division equipment and supplies to all personnel. These supplies range from maintenance supplies and office supplies to uniform equipment. Mr. Vitale also assists the Personnel Officer with the Division's fleet maintenance.

# *CHARITABLE GAMING UNIT*

*MS. ALICIA COOGAN  
SR. ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE*

*Alicia Coogan is Senior Administrative Aide for the Charitable Gaming Unit. She has been employed in that position since 1986. Lieutenant Glenn Skalubinski is the Superintendent's Designee for Charitable Gaming.*

*Rhode Island General Law gives the Division of State Police both regulatory and enforcement authority over all charitable gaming activity conducted in Rhode Island. At the present time, raffles and bingo are the only allowed games. The Charitable Gaming Unit serves citizens from all walks of life. For many, it is the only contact they ever have with the Rhode Island State Police. Most of the charitable and non-profit organizations in Rhode Island are in contact with this unit.*

*Ms. Coogan is responsible for reviewing and authorizing all applications for charitable gaming events. She provides assistance to the applicants in this process. She answers questions and provides information to the general public as well as to other state agencies, local police departments and members of the legal community. All raffle applications require dual approval from the Chief of Police of the city or town in which the drawing is held and the State Police. The Charitable Gaming Unit works closely with all local police departments. All organizations must file a financial report with the State Police after the drawing is held. During the past year, 1,136 authorizations to conduct a raffle were granted to charitable organizations. These organizations have reported over five million dollars in gross receipts thus far.*

*The amount of money wagered on bingo in Rhode Island has fallen dramatically since the opening of the Indian Casinos in Connecticut in the early 1990's. In the past several years, the total amount wagered in weekly bingo's in Rhode Island has dropped from an average of seventeen to eighteen million dollars to this years total of eight million, six hundred sixty three thousand, four hundred thirty six dollars (\$8,663,436.00) (Weekly bingo organizations are those that pay out up to \$6,050 in prizes per night on a weekly or twice-weekly basis.). This decrease in income reflects a trend that is going on nationwide. The number of organizations conducting weekly bingo in our state has dropped from sixty-five in 1990 to thirty-three this year. The General Assembly attempted to remedy this situation in 1998 by increasing the amount of money that could be awarded as prizes at a bingo from \$4,250 to \$6,050 per night. But most charitable organizations don't take in the gross receipts needed to pay out \$6,050 per night. Seventy-seven organizations were granted authorization to conduct senior-citizen bingo on a regular basis and thirty organizations were granted approval to conduct recreational or one-time bingo games. Altogether, 140 organizations were authorized to conduct bingo this year.*

*Charitable Gaming Unit information and applications are available to the public online on the State Police website ([www.risp.state.ri.us](http://www.risp.state.ri.us)). Citizen response to this new avenue for information and service has been tremendously positive as many citizens now log on to the Charitable Gaming web page.*

*Revenue from charitable gaming activity is not taxed in Rhode Island as it is in most other states. Only a five dollar application fee is levied on each application.*



## ***CANINE UNIT***

*The Canine Unit is comprised of nine (9) members with a total of nine (9) canines. There were some changes and additions to the unit in 2003. In July, Sergeant Palmer retired his narcotics K-9 Partner "Dino", after ten years of dedicated service. The unit also added four new members who are Corporal Marshall, Troopers Jacques, Moynihan and Filuminia.*

*The unit has the capability to offer a wide range of services. Those services are bomb detection, patrol work, narcotic detection, cadaver detection as well as search and rescue. Besides being utilized by the Division, these services were also used by a number of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.*

*The unit conducted a total of three hundred seventy-five (375) narcotic searches that resulted in the seizure of four hundred (400) pounds of marijuana, forty (40) pounds of cocaine and two (2) pounds of heroin. The unit also seized a total of \$210,000.00 in cash. There were a total of six (6) cadaver searches and a total of ten (10) area searches where three (3) missing persons were located. There were four (4) track searches that resulted in two (2) apprehensions and two (2) article searches that resulted in the seizure of two (2) handguns. There were a total of forty-one (41) bomb searches conducted and fortunately no explosives were located. The unit participated in forty (40) public speaking/demonstrations for a variety of civic organizations.*

*In November, the unit was requested to conduct a cadaver search for an outside agency. This search resulted in the location of human remains and a positive identification of a male subject missing since 1996.*

### **Canine Unit Personnel**

*Trooper Roger Reardon  
Corporal Kelsey Marshall  
Trooper Matthew Zarrella*

*Detective Kevin Barry  
Trooper Erik Jone  
Trooper Ronald Longolucco  
Trooper Thomas Jaques  
Trooper Matthew Moynihan  
Trooper Peter Filuminia*

*Unit Coordinator / Trainer  
K-9 Mick – Labrador Retriever – Narcotics Detection  
K-9 Panzer & K-9 Max – German Shepard –  
Cadaver, Search & Rescue  
K-9 Bandit – German Shepard – Patrol /Narcotics  
K-9 Dusty – Belgian Malinois – Patrol/Narcotics  
K-9 Ajax – Belgian Malinois – Bomb Detection  
K-9 Hap – German Shepard - Bomb Detection  
K-9 Axle – German Shepard - Patrol/Narcotics  
K-9 Eison – German Shepard - Patrol/Narcotics*

## ***DIVE TEAM***

*The Dive Team is composed of seven (7) sworn troopers who are dive certified through the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI). The Dive Team is utilized in the search and recovery of drowning victims along with underwater/coastal searches of all types of evidence.*

*The Rhode Island State Police has shown it's forward thinking ability and the initiative to improve itself through the use of an earlier wave of the Port Security Grant Program. It is currently acquiring a 27-foot marine vessel capable of supporting both patrol activities as well as providing a platform from which dive operations can be conducted. More importantly, through the use of this vessel, the Department has greatly increased its ability to prevent a terrorist action in this port and it's surrounding waters. As an additional benefit to the Ocean State, the Division now has a vessel that will enable it to bring other police based assets to bear on any other incident that may occur in it's waters and as such, fulfill an obligation to the United States of America by increasing the security of one of its oldest and most lucrative ports.*

*The equipment requested in this proposal will greatly compliment our marine vessel and Dive Team assets and will bring the Division to the cutting edge of technology. In turn, it will enable the Division to provide numerous services to other local agencies. This new equipment will provide the Division with an unprecedented ability to establish esprit de corps with local departments and as a result it will improve our ability to police the State. By improving our relations with local agencies, the Dive Team will fulfill a core mission of the Department of Homeland Security, which is to increase the sharing of information between agencies.*

### ***Dive Team Members***

*Inspector : Elwood Johnson  
Lieutenant: Glenn Skalubinski,  
Detectives: Joseph Dubeau and David Doucet  
Troopers: Simon Liu, Richard Swanson and Michael McGlynn*

## ***HONOR GUARD TEAM***

*The Honor Guard Unit consists of thirty-eight (38) members who are trained in military drill and ceremonial skills. The unit is under the direction of Lieutenant Darren Delaney, the Division Operations Officer. During 2003, members of the Honor Guard Unit represented the Division on forty-five(45) occasions, including parades, ceremonies and special events throughout the State. The Honor Guard Unit is in great demand due to the respect for the Division and its members.*

### **UNIT MEMBERS**

*Lieutenants: Darren Delaney, David Hayden*

*Sergeants: Frank Sullivan*

*Corporals: Ernest Quarry,*

*Troopers: Robert Wall, David Tikoian, Wilfred Hill, Paul Sikorskyj, Michael Rosa, Ann Assumpico, James Pardington, Jeffrey Coleman, Gregory Cunningham, Kevin Barry, Timothy Dandeneau, Eric Jones, Joseph Philbin, Gerald McKinney, Alfred Ruggiero, Mark Gilson, John Alfred, Kenneth DeMarco, John Grassel, Charles LeValley, Matthew Salisbury, Michael McGlynn, Kenneth Jones, Kenneth Moriarty, Edward Viera, Laurie Ludovici, John Gadrow, Kevin Grace, Scott Hartwell, Peter Cambio, Douglas Watters, Peter Filuminia.*



## ***MOTORCYCLE TEAM***

*The Rhode Island State Police Motorcycle Unit is currently commanded by Sergeant Mark Surtel of the Lincoln Woods Barracks. The unit utilizes six (6) 1993 Harley Davidson Motorcycles for patrol in heavy, dense traffic areas, beach traffic, for special functions and on occasion routine patrol when manpower permits. The unit was used for traffic for the 2003 Aquidneck Island Police Parade in Newport, R.I. The Motorcycle Unit may be used on any other occasion deemed necessary and appropriate by the Superintendent. The current Motorcycle Unit members have all attended a highly skilled police motorcycle course and are re-certified annually.*

### **Motorcycle Team Members**

*Captain: Raymond White  
Sergeants: Mark Surtel, Francis Sullivan III, Scott Hemingway, Eric Lariviere  
Corporal: Kevin Hawkins  
Troopers: Robert Carnevale, Marc Lidsky, Thomas Peck Jr., Joseph Philbin, Ernest McKinney,  
Simon Liu, John Charbonneau, Peter Chabot, Christopher Zarrella, Jeffrey Clark*

# ***TACTICAL TEAM***

*The Tactical Team consists of twenty (20) specially trained and equipped troopers. All members receive their initial schooling through the New England State Police Administrators Conference. The team trains throughout the year so as to maintain its proficiency in firearms and tactical skills.*

*The mission of the Tactical Team is to establish control over and abate a situation to minimize the loss of life, injury, or property damage when a traditional police response would be inadequate or ineffective. Some situations where the Tactical Team would be called upon would be for a barricaded suspect or hostage situation, executing a high-risk arrest or search warrant, area searches for armed suspect(s), as well as providing protection for dignitaries.*

*During 2003, the Tactical Team was activated for several high-risk warrant services and several barricaded suspects. Several members of the tactical team conducted site surveys of several state buildings, to include the various court facilities throughout the state. Team leadership has worked with other law enforcement tactical team leaders and others in working on establishing minimal standards for tactical teams within the state.*

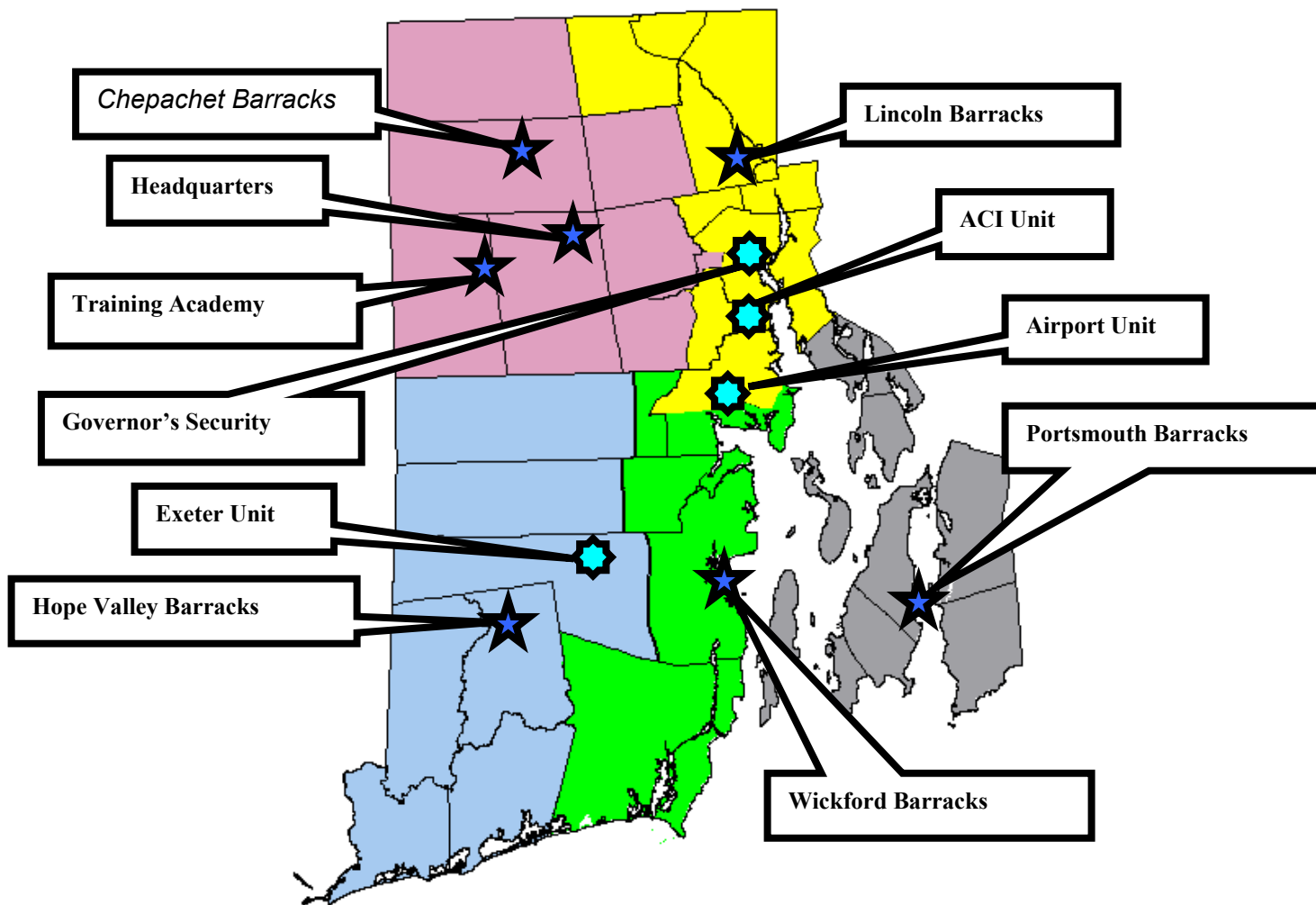
## **Tactical Team Members**

*Lieutenant: James Swanberg  
Sergeant: Robert Mackisey  
Corporals: Paul Olszewski, Richard Ryan, David Medeiros  
Troopers: Robert Carnevale, Joseph Dubeau, Kenneth Bell, Scott Raynes, Gregory Cunningham, Timothy Dandeneau, Derek Borek, John Gibbs, Scott Lebeau, Mark Gilson, Christopher Zarrella, Edward Viera, Jeffrey L'Heureux, Kenneth Moriarty, Tom Chabot*

## *STATISTICAL DATA BY BARRACKS - 2003*

	Accidents	Incidents	Arrests	Citations
<b>Chepachet</b>	621	449	337	7265
<b>Lincoln</b>	3446	671	1348	8888
<b>Detectives</b>	2	469	600	1601
<b>Portsmouth</b>	138	105	255	4740
<b>Wickford</b>	544	292	426	6548
<b>Hope Valley</b>	604	560	751	9686
<b>Total</b>	<b>5355</b>	<b>2546</b>	<b>3717</b>	<b>38728</b>

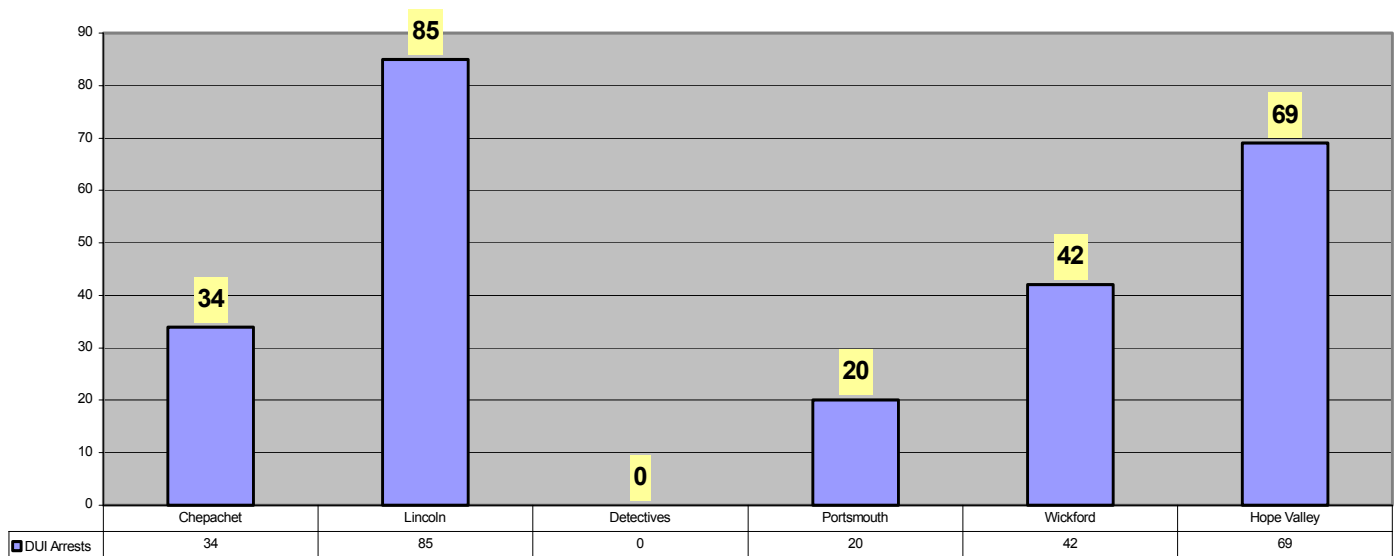
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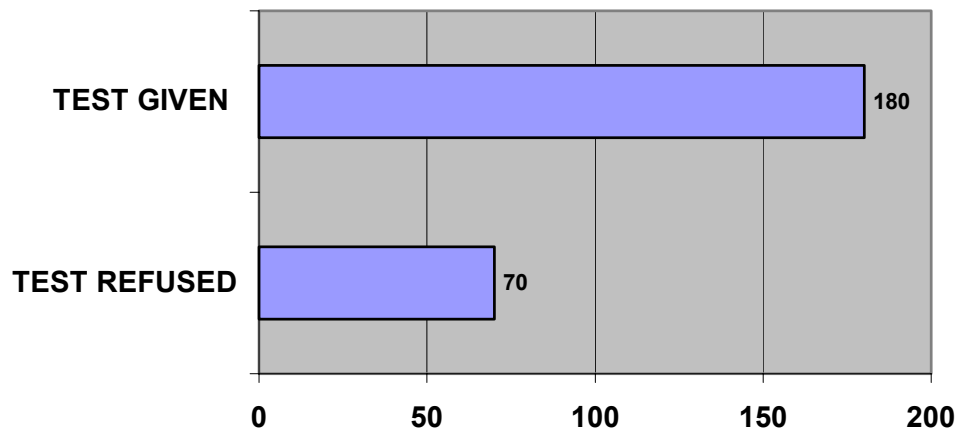
# Driving While Intoxicated

	DUI
<b>Chepachet</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Detectives</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Wickford</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Hope Valley</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>

**DUI Arrests By Barracks**

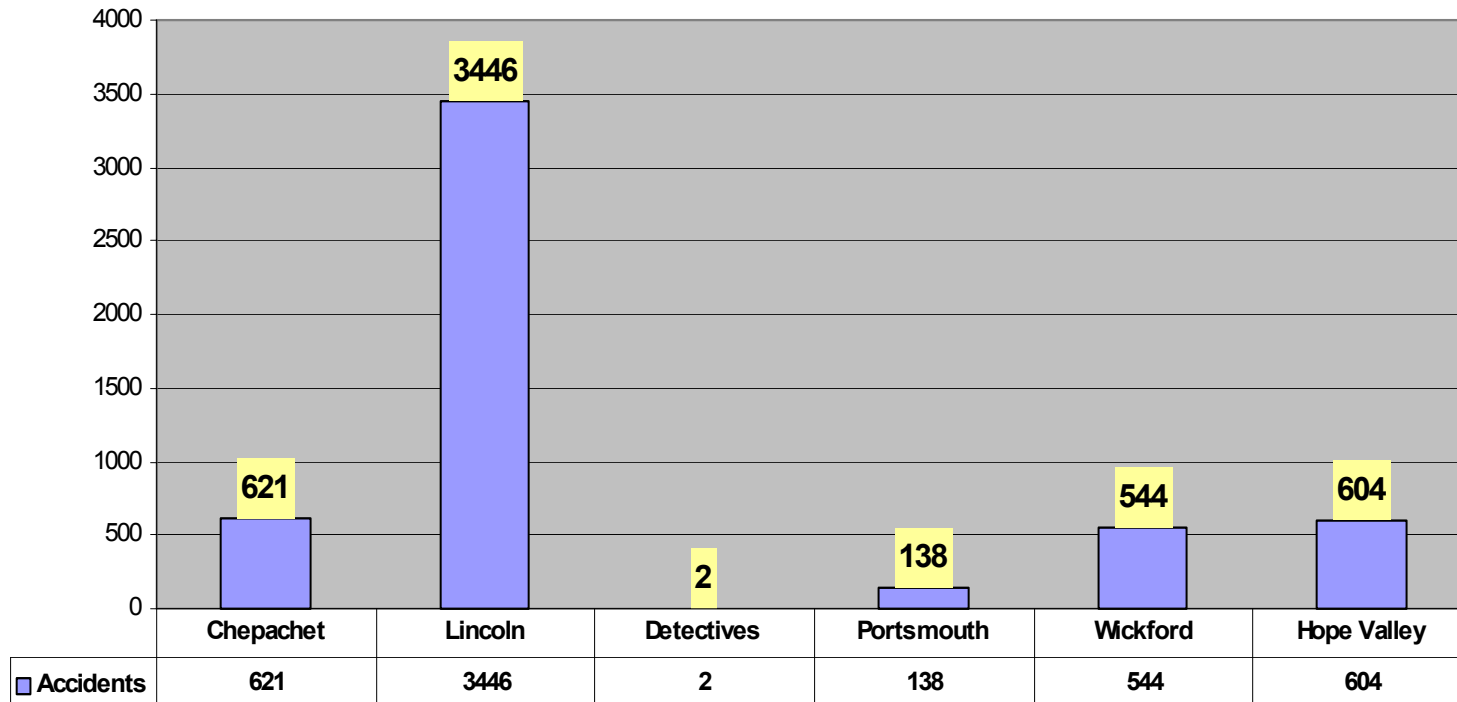


<b>DUI</b>	
<b>TEST REFUSED</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>TEST GIVEN</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>

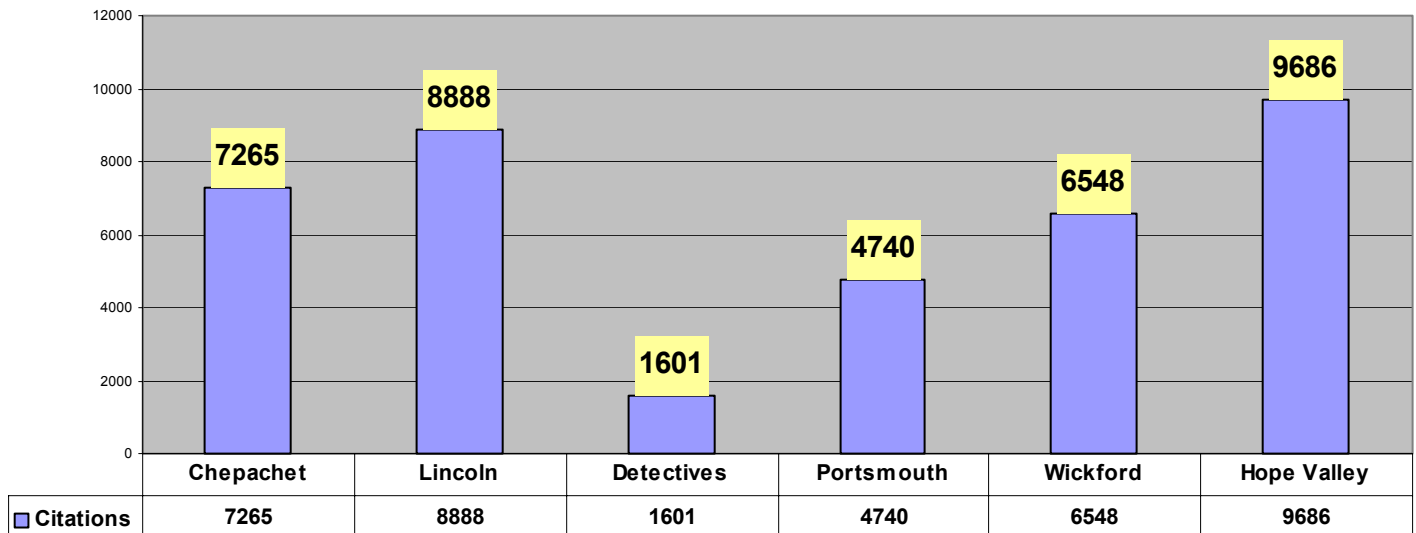




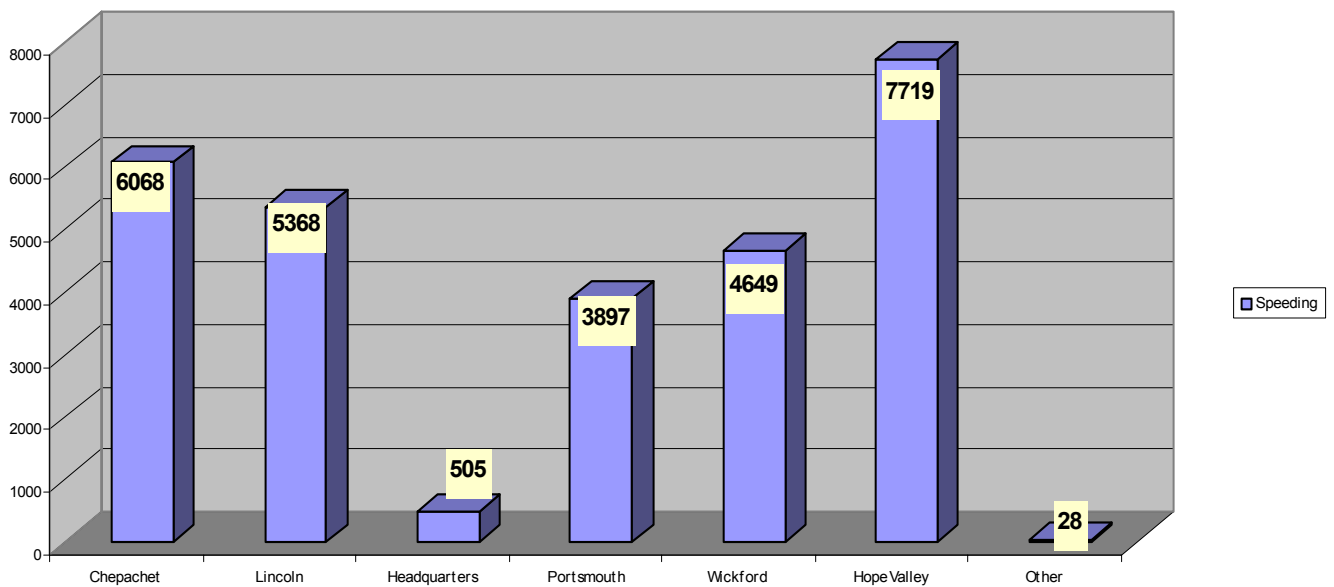
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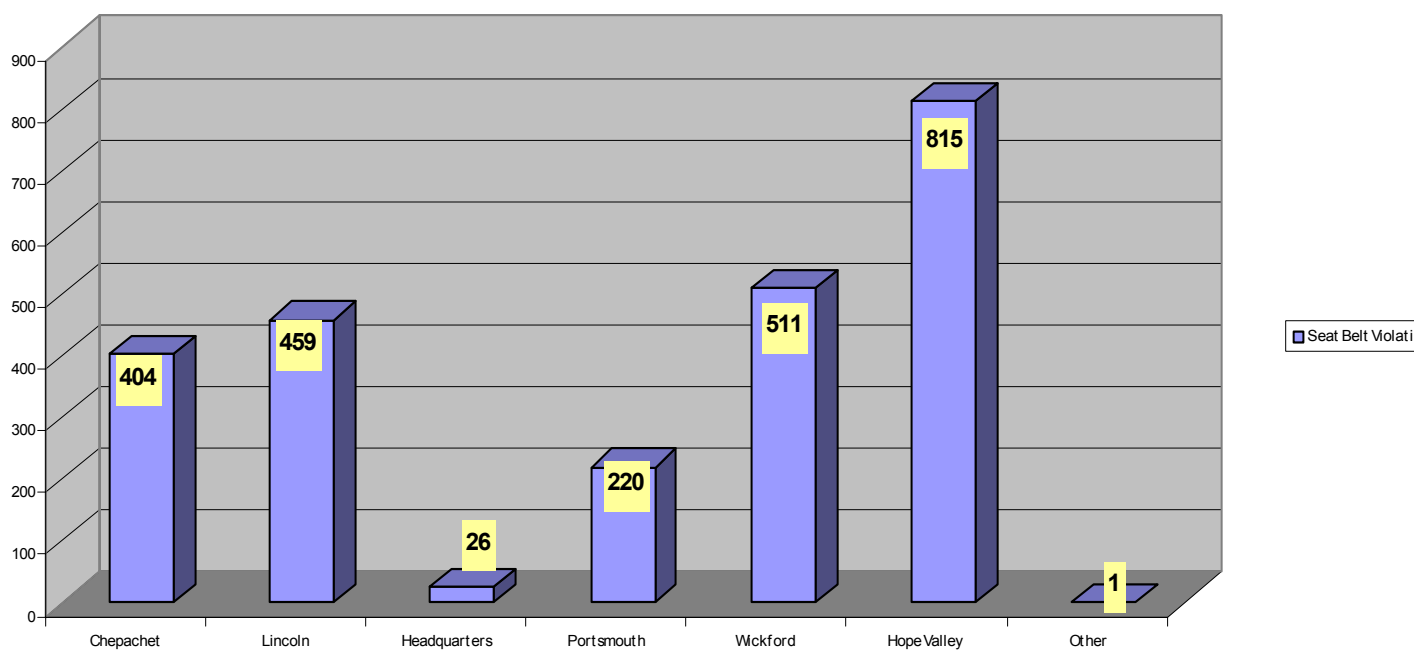
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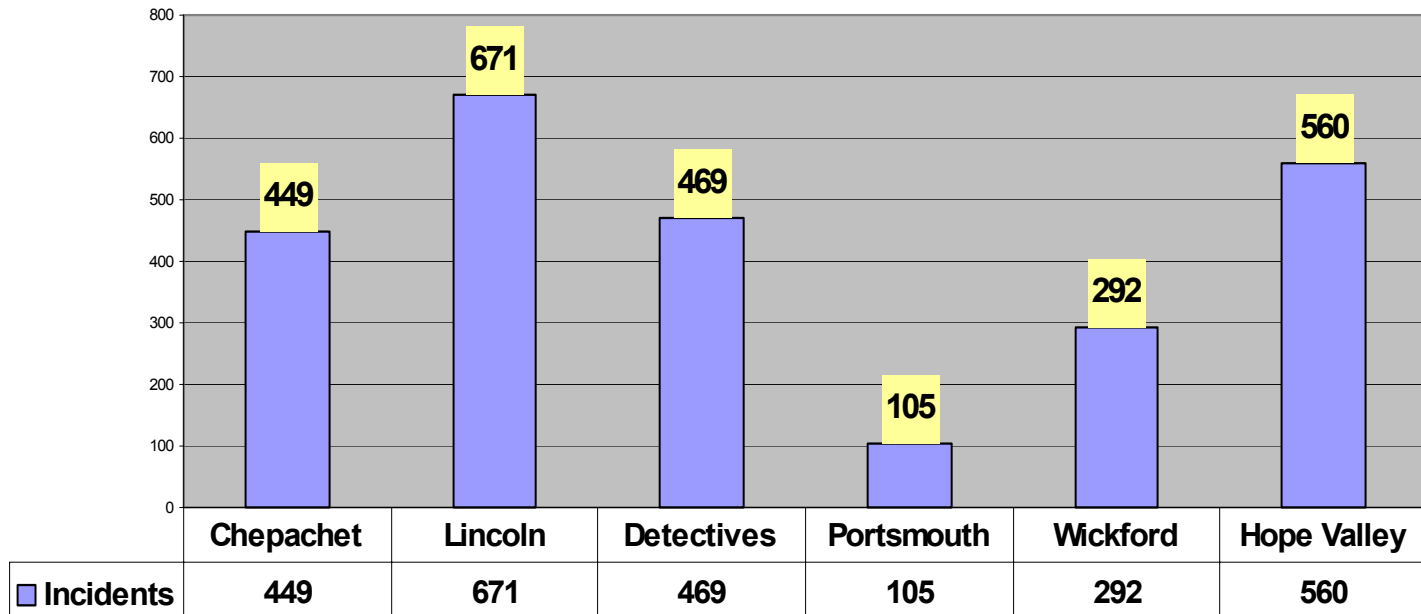
### Speeding Violations 2003



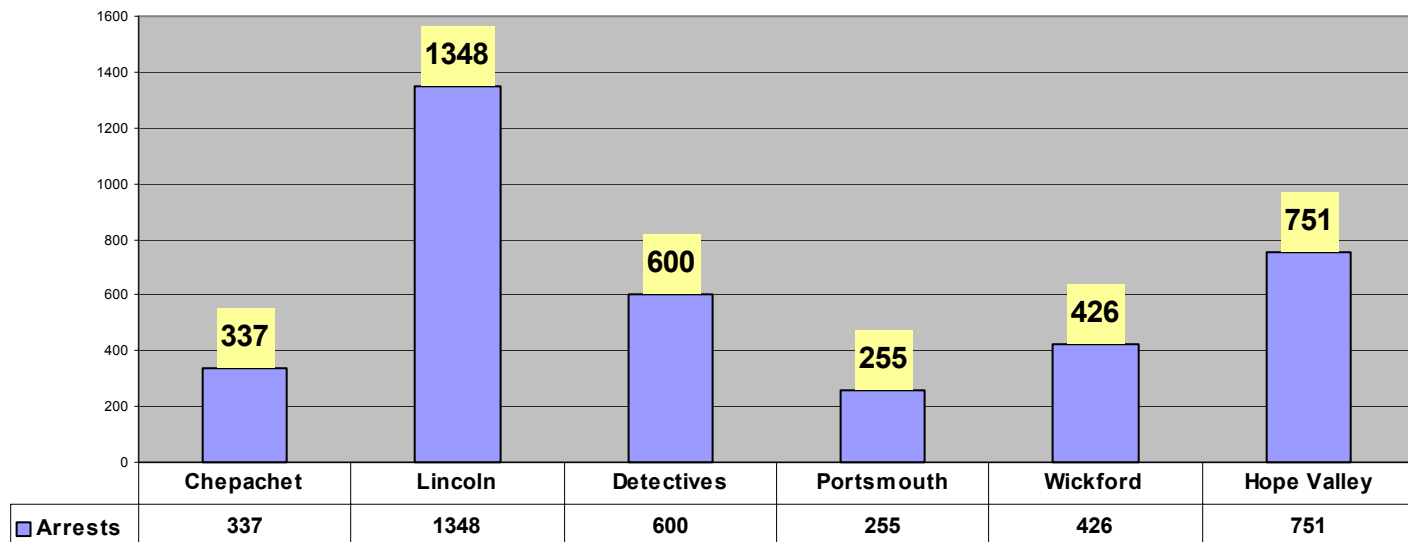
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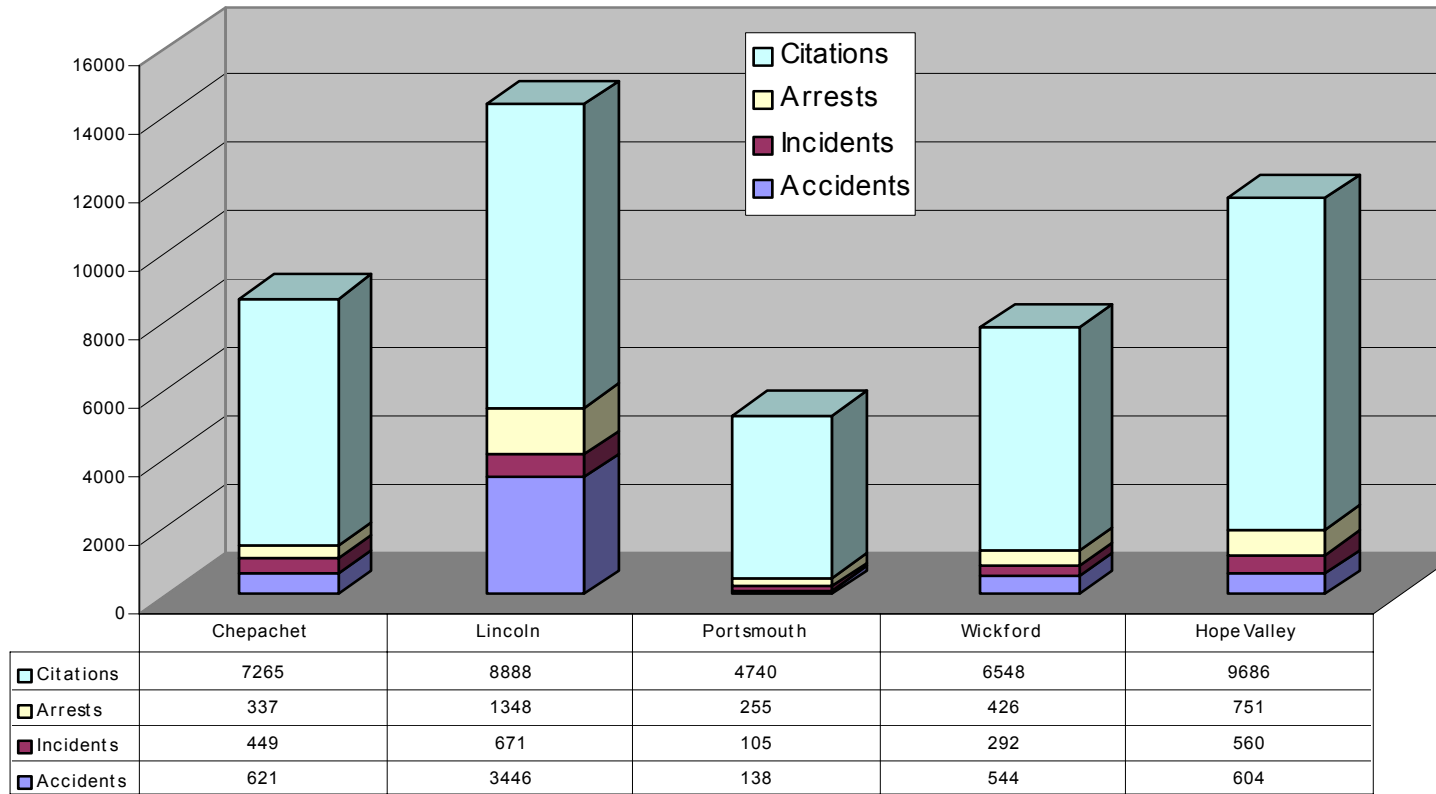
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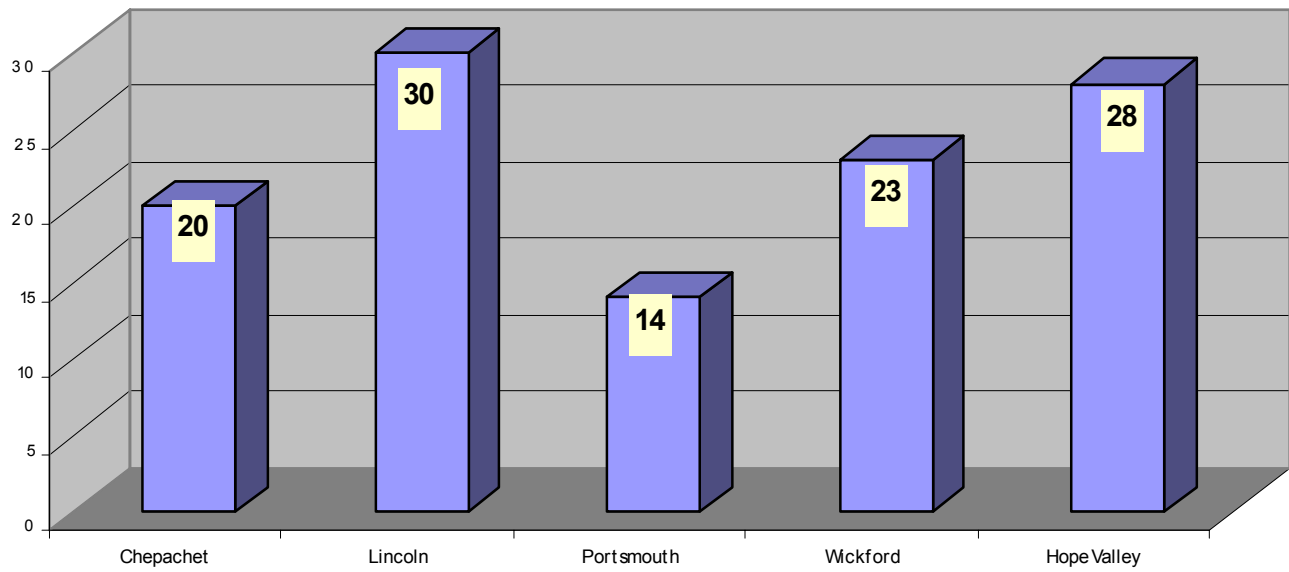
### Arrests 2003 By Barracks



## Workload Assessment 2003 Chart



*Personnel 2003*



## Crimes 2003

Crimes Reported in Incident and Arrest Reports								
IBR	Crime	Detectives	Chepachet	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
09A	MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	3	1				1	5
09B	NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0						0
09C	JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE	0						0
100	KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	1		2			2	5
11A	FORCIBLE RAPE	8		4	1	4	5	22
11B	FORCIBLE SODOMY	2	1				4	7
11C	SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	8				1	2	11
11D	FORCIBLE FONDLING	10				3	9	22
120	ROBBERY	2				1	1	4
13A	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5	1	8	2	2	7	25
13B	SIMPLE ASSAULT	37	21	31	11	17	83	200
13C	INTIMIDATION	18	4	17	2	5	5	51
200	ARSON	1					1	2
210	EXTORTION	7				2		9
220	BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	5	1	3		3	28	40
23A	POCKET - PICKNIG			1				1
23B	PURSE - SNATCHING					1		1
23C	SHOPLIFTING						4	4
23D	THEFT FROM BUILDING	4	5	10	1	3	21	44
23E	THEFT FROM COIN OPERATED MACHINE							0
23F	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2	7	22	9	12	27	79
23G	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS		1	1				2
23H	ALL OTHER LARCENY	34	14	39	7	17	64	175
240	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	12	5	24	3	4	14	62
250	COUNTERFEITING/ FORGERY	59	8	18	3	9	38	135
26A	FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE	148	12	30	32	10	22	254
26B	CREDIT CARD / AUTO TELLER	5	4	10	2	8	9	38
26C	IMPERSONATION	11	2	5		1	2	21
26D	WELFARE FRAUD	1						1

## Crimes Reported in Incident and Arrest Reports (Continued)

IBR	Crime	Detectives	Chepachet	Lincoln	Portsmouth	Wickford	Hope Valley	Statewide
26E	WIRE FRAUD	2					1	3
270	EMBEZZLEMENT	34		2		1		37
280	STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	23	6	44	7	8	9	97
290	DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDILISM	6	13	54	8	20	113	214
35A	DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	141	11	66	23	31	70	342
35B	DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS						1	1
36A	INCEST			1				1
36B	STATUTORY RAPE	3		1		1		5
370	PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIAL	6	1				1	8
39A	BETTING / WAGERING							0
39B	OPERATING / PROMOTING / ASSIST	11						11
39C	GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS							0
39D	SPORTS TAMPERING	1						1
40A	PROSTITUTION							0
40B	ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTIT							0
510	BRIBERY	1				1		2
520	WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	17	3	12		2	12	46
90A	BAD CHECKS	10	246	77	11	64	44	452
90B	CURFEW / LOITERING / VAGRANCY						1	1
90C	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	12	3	28	7	8	58	116
90D	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1	43	93	26	58	89	310
90E	DRUNKENNESS							0
90F	FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	4	1		1	2	8	16
90G	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS					1	1	2
90H	PEEPING TOM							0
90I	RUNAWAY		1	1		3	5	10
90J	TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY			1	1		27	29
90Z	ALL OTHER OFFENSES	189	135	307	40	121	221	1013
99	TRAFFIC, Town By-Law Offenses	22	105	520	45	104	284	1080
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>5017</b>



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### ***Barracks***

***(Non-Emergency)***

Chepachet Barracks	1116 Putnam Pike, Glocester Lt. Kenneth Marandola, Patrol Commander	568-2516
Exeter Patrol Barracks	675 Ten Rod Road, Exeter Corporal Kelsey Marshall, NCOIC	294-7377
Hope Valley Barracks	54 Nooseneck Hill Road, Richmond Lt. David Hayden, Patrol Commander	539-2411
Lincoln Woods Barracks	1575 Old Louisquisett Pike, Lincoln Lt. Eric Lariviere, Patrol Commander	444-1100
Portsmouth Barracks	838 East Main Road, Portsmouth Sgt. Scott Hemingway, Assist Patrol Commander	849-4444
Wickford Barracks	7875 Post Road, North Kingstown Lt. Pamela Icart, Patrol Commander	294-3371

### ***Headquarters***

***311 Danielson Pike***

***North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857***

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Accident Reports/Missing Children	Mr. Steven Loynds	444-1143
Business Office	Ms. Dawn Murphy	444-1129
Charitable Gaming Unit	Ms. Nancy Carlton	444-1147
Commercial Enforcement Unit	Lt. Herman Snead, OIC	444-1032
Detective Bureau	Captain Steven Lynch, OIC	444-1158
Technical Services Unit	Mr. Brian Glancy	444-1033
Traffic/Planning & Research	Lt. Mark Bilodeau, OIC	444-1398
Training Academy	Lt. Kevin Hopkins, OIC	444-1191
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